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THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 118:24**

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

# Worship Christ, The Risen King

Text: Jack W. Hayford • Music: Henry T. Smart

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Worship Christ, The Risen King'. It is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The score consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 marked at the beginning of their respective systems. The final system ends with a double bar line.

Rise, O church and lift your voice,  
See the tomb where death has laid Him,  
Hear the earth pro - test and trem - ble,  
Doubt may lift its head to mur - mur,  
We ac - claim your life, O Je - sus,

Christ has con - quered death and hell.  
emp - ty now, its mouth de - clares:  
see the stone re - moved with pow'r;  
scof - fers mock and sin - ners jeer;  
now we sing your vic - tor - y;

Sing as all the earth re - joic - es;  
"Death and I could not con - tain him,  
all hell's min - ions may as - sem - ble,  
But the truth - claims a won - der,  
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,

res - ur - rec - tion an - thems swell.  
for the throne of life He shares."  
but can - not with - stand His hour.  
thought - ful hearts re - ceive with cheer.  
but your con - quest keeps us free.

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,  
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,  
He has con - quered, He has con - quered,  
He is ris - en, He is ris - en,  
Stand in tri - umph, stand in tri - umph,

wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!  
wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!  
Christ the Lord, the ris - en King!  
now re - ceive the ris - en King!  
wor - ship Christ, the ris - en King!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 John 1:8, 10**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Merciful God, you sent Jesus to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. We confess that we have turned aside to our own way, have ignored your precious word, and have sought to find happiness outside of your will and apart from you. In your mercy forgive us. We would flee to no other refuge, build on no other foundation, receive from no other fullness, rest in no other relief; but alone entrust ourselves to Jesus' saving power, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Ephesians 4:28; 5:2**

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need... Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!*

*Praise him, all creatures here below!*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host!*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

## **GOSPEL READING • Matthew 6:19–21**

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Let us pray...

O Lord, we cry out to you for the Church:  
*Particularly for our sister churches in the Pacific Northwest Presbytery.*

O Lord, we cry out to you for all the people of the earth:  
*We pray for those who do not know you; we pray that your gospel would run in our city; we pray that your fame and glory would spread here and throughout the world.*

O Lord, we cry out to you for our own nation:  
*Please give our President humility, wisdom, strength and trust in you. Please bless our Governor and our Mayor; please bring prosperity and peace to our city through your gospel.*

O Lord, we cry out to you for the poor and suffering of our community:  
*We pray for those who are living on the streets. We pray for those who are discouraged and suffering in depression. We pray for those who are struggling financially. We pray for those who are sick or facing imminent death and for those who care for them.*

O Lord we cry out to you with our individual concerns and needs...  
(Silent prayer)

All of these things we ask of you in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

And Can It Be? (Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Thomas Campbell • Public Domain)

1. And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest in the  
 2. 'Tis mys - tery all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies! Who can ex - plore His  
 3. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so in - fi -  
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay Fast bound in sin and  
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in

Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who  
 strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph tries To sound the  
 nite His grace; Emp - tied Him - self of all but love, And bled for  
 na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning ray, I woke, the  
 Him, is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head, And clothed in

Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! how can it be That  
 depths of love di - vine! 'Tis mer - cy all! let earth a - dore, Let  
 Ad - am's help - less race; 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free; For,  
 dun - geon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I  
 right - eous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal throne, And

*Refrain*

Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
 an - gel minds in - quire no more.  
 O my God, it found out me. A - maz - ing love! how  
 rose, went forth and fol - lowed Thee.  
 claim the crown, through Christ my own. A - maz - ing love!

can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me.  
 How can it be That Thou, my God,

# Only In God (Psalm 62)

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1. On ly in God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal -  
2. On - ly in God is found safe - - ty when my en - e - my pur -

7 C G/B Am G F G  
- va - tion He on - ly is my rock, my  
- sues me On - ly in God is found glo - - ry, when

13 F G C F  
strength, and my sal - va - tion My strong - hold, my  
I am found meek and found low - ly.

19 Am F G Am F  
sav - ior, I shall not be a - fraid at all, my strong - hold,

26 Am F G C C  
my sav - ior, I shall not be moved. 3. On - ly in

34 G/B Am G F G C  
God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal - va - tion.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Ecclesiastes 2:1-11\*

I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself.” But behold, this also was vapor. <sup>2</sup> I said of laughter, “It is mad,” and of pleasure, “What use is it?” <sup>3</sup> I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. <sup>4</sup> I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. <sup>5</sup> I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. <sup>6</sup> I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. <sup>7</sup> I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup> I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man.

<sup>9</sup> So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. <sup>10</sup> And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. <sup>11</sup> Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vapor and herding wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## SERMON • “The Futility of Hedonism” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“I used to think that the parts I did or the fame would define me, and someday complete me. But I wish everybody fame and fortune so they can cross it off the list and move on to something else.” (Jim Carrey)

“If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world.” (C. S. Lewis)

“You have thrilled us by causing us to delight in your praise. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you.” (Augustine)

*When I'm drivin' in my car, and the man come on the radio  
He's tellin' me more and more about some useless information  
Supposed to fire my imagination...*

*I can't get no satisfaction, I can't get no satisfaction  
'Cause I try and I try and I try and I try  
I can't get no... I can't get no... (The Rolling Stones)*

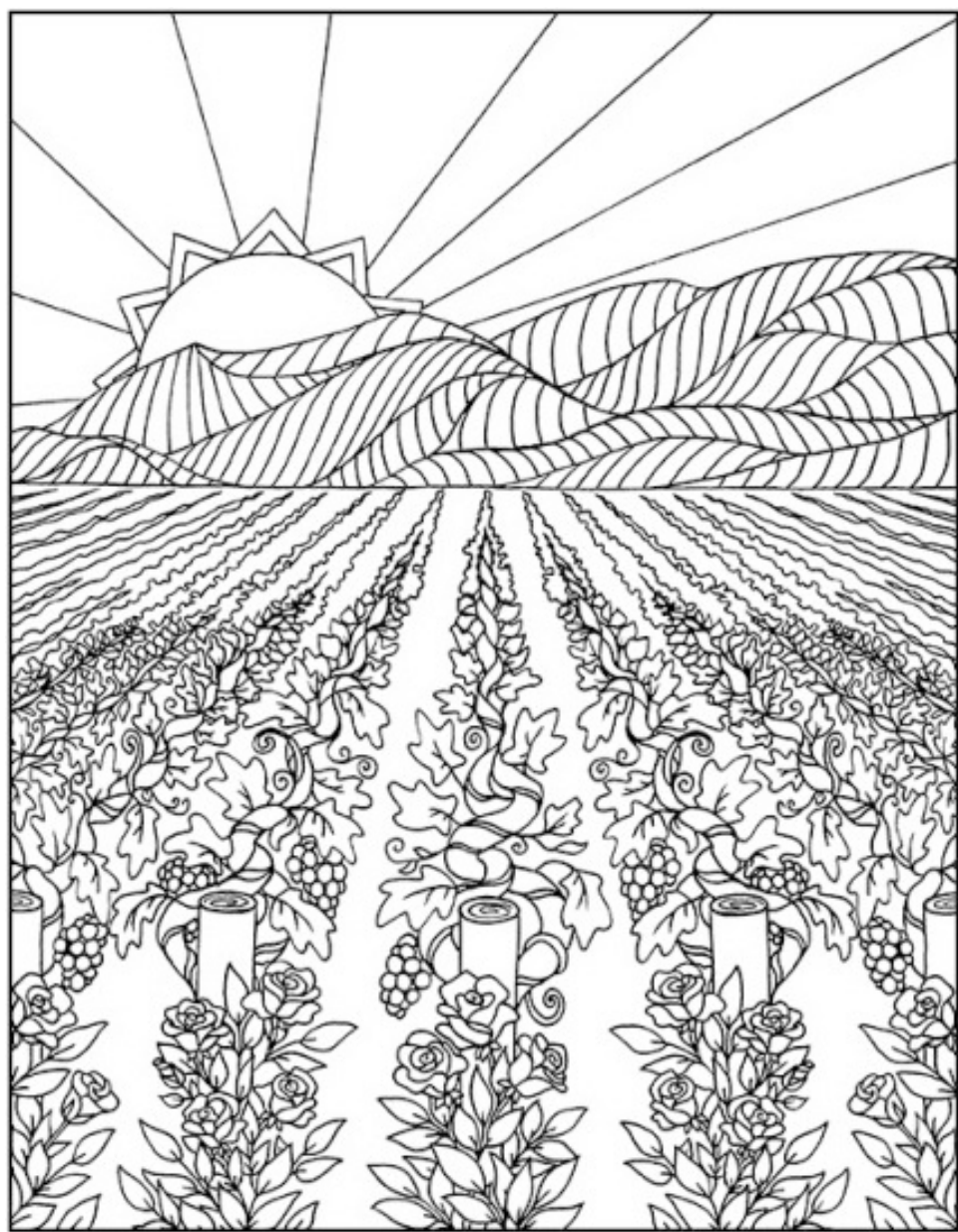
*I went out walking through streets paved with gold  
Lifted some stones, saw the skin and bones  
Of a city without a soul...*

*I went out there in search of experience  
To taste and to touch and to feel as much  
As a man can before he repents. (U2, feat. Johnny Cash, “The Wanderer”)*

*Jesus alone: – if thus it were to me;  
Yet thus it cannot be;  
Lord, I have all things if I have but Thee. (Christina Rossetti)*

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\* With some differences in translation from the ESV.







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Apostles' Creed**

What do you believe?

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic† church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God's grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

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\* When the Creed states that Jesus "descended into hell," we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

† Or, "universal."

# When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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When I sur - vey \_\_\_\_\_ the won - drous  
For - bid it Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ that I should  
See, from His head, \_\_\_\_\_ His hands, His  
Were the whole realm \_\_\_\_\_ of na - ture



cross \_\_\_\_\_ on which the Prince \_\_\_\_\_  
boast, \_\_\_\_\_ save in the death \_\_\_\_\_  
feet, \_\_\_\_\_ sor - row and love \_\_\_\_\_  
mine, \_\_\_\_\_ that were a pre -



— of glo - ry \_\_\_\_\_ died, \_\_\_\_\_ my rich - est  
— of Christ my God; \_\_\_\_\_ All the vain  
— flow ming - led down. \_\_\_\_\_ Did e'er such  
- sent far too small; \_\_\_\_\_ Love so a -



gain \_\_\_\_\_ I count but \_\_\_\_\_ loss, \_\_\_\_\_  
things \_\_\_\_\_ that charm me \_\_\_\_\_ most, \_\_\_\_\_  
love \_\_\_\_\_ and sor - row \_\_\_\_\_ meet, \_\_\_\_\_  
maz - - - ing, so di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_



— and pour con - tempt \_\_\_\_\_ on all my \_\_\_\_\_ pride.  
— I sac - ri - rice \_\_\_\_\_ them to His \_\_\_\_\_ blood.  
— or thorns com - pose \_\_\_\_\_ so rich a \_\_\_\_\_ crown?  
— de - mands my soul, \_\_\_\_\_ my life, my \_\_\_\_\_ all.

# May Our God Be Known (Psalm 67)

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting at measure 1 and the second column starting at measure 3. The score ends with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

1. May our God be known for his grace; May the  
2. Let the na - tions sing and be glad for the

3 earth re-joice in his blessing. May our God be known for his  
Lord is com ing with jus-tice. Let the na - tions sing and be

6 love, and the smile that shines from his face. May your  
glad for our God is com - ing with peace. Now let

9 way be known on the earth so that all the na - tions will  
all the ends of the earth fill with ho - ly won - der and

12 sing and re-joice in knowing the God of grace!  
joy, for our God is com-ing to reign as king!

*(Repeat Song)*

## BENEDICTION • Psalm 134:3

May the LORD bless you from Zion,  
he who made heaven and earth!

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### FOR THOSE JOINING US IN PERSON...

Greetings! In accordance with current state mandates, we are asking people to wear masks and observe “social distancing” (6ft) between households during Worship.

During Communion, parents, please distribute the bread and cup to participating children.

Thank you for your help making others feel comfortable joining us for Worship!

### FOR THOSE JOINING US ON ZOOM...

Please remain “muted” throughout the service, but feel free to “unmute” afterwards and catch up with each other. (You can find each Sunday’s liturgy posted online at [ascensionpc.org/worship](http://ascensionpc.org/worship).)

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