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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Isaiah 12:4-6**

Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

# Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

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Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y the King of cre -  
Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
Praise to the Lord, Who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
Praise to the Lord, Who with mar - ve - lous wis - dom hath  
Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul praise Him for  
reign - eth, thee; shel - ters thee un - der His  
fend - ed; thee; sure - ly His good - ness and  
made dore; thee; Decked thee with health - ness and with  
dore Him! All that hath life and breath,



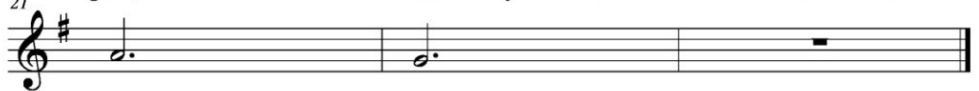
He is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!  
mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.  
lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.  
come now with prais - es be - fore Him.



All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw  
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re -  
Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -



near, \_\_\_\_\_ join me in glad a - dor -  
been \_\_\_\_\_ grant - ed in what He or -  
do, \_\_\_\_\_ if with His love He be -  
lief, \_\_\_\_\_ Spread - ing His wings to o'er  
gain, \_\_\_\_\_ Glad - ly for - ev - er a -



a - - - - tion.  
dain - - - - eth?  
friend thee.  
shade thee!  
dore Him.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 130:3-4**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

    O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

    that you may be feared.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**(From *The Confessions of Augustine*)**

*O Lord, what evil have we not done? Or if there is evil that we have not done, what evil is there that we have not spoken? If there is any that we have not spoken, what evil is there that we have not thought to do? But you, O Lord, are good. You are merciful. You saw how deep we were sunk in death, and it was your power that drained dry the well of corruption in the depths of our hearts. All that you have asked of us was to deny our own wills and accept yours. Forgive us for every failure to do so and help us to follow you in every way and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 130:7-8**

O Israel, hope in the LORD!

    For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

    and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

    from all his iniquities.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Malachi 3:10**

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

## **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.*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING • 1 Timothy 6:6–19

Godliness with contentment is great gain, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray...

(Elder prays)

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

*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.*

# Who Is Like The Lord, Our God? (Psalm 113)

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Our Fa - ther\_ He lifts from the  
3 ash - es, \_ He rais - es\_ the poor and\_ the lost. \_ He  
6 seats them to dine at\_ His ta - ble, \_ to  
8 feast with - out mon - ey\_ or cost. \_ The  
10 lone - ly\_ He set - tles\_ in fam - 'lies, \_ the  
12 bar - ren, \_ a mo - ther\_ He makes. \_ O  
14 hap - py\_ the heart of\_ the stran - ger\_ who's  
16 wel - comed by this King\_ of Grace. Who is like the  
19 Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But  
22 hum - bles\_ Him - self with the bro - ken\_ to dwell,  
24 who is like our God?

Though equal to God in his glory, Christ Jesus became like a slave;  
he humbled himself in obedience to death, and the cross, and the grave.

Victorious, he rose to the highest; in glory, the Savior was raised.  
His name above all names exalted; the heavens and earth sing his praise.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?  
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

O saints, fix your eyes on the Savior and count all your righteousness loss.  
Be found in his love and his favor, and share in his death on the cross.

That all of his power in vict'ry, imparted to you, may abound;  
and sharing the sufferings of Jesus, you share in his glory and crown.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?  
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

# The Lord's My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23 • Music: J. L. Macbeth Bain • Public Domain

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want, He makes me down to  
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth  
3. Al - though I walk through death's dark vale yet will I fear none  
4. My tab - le Thou hast furn - ish - ed in pres - ence of my  
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my days shall sure - ly fol - low

5 lie in past - ures green, He lead - eth me the qui - et wat - ers  
make with - in the paths of right - eous - ness e'en for His own name's  
ill, for Thou art with me and thy rod and staff me com - fort  
foes; my head with oil Thou dost a - noint and my cup ov - er -  
me, and in my Fath - er's house al - ways my dwel - ling place shall

9 by; He lead - eth me, He lead - eth me the qui - et wat - ers by.  
sake, with in the paths of right - eous - ness e'en for His own name's sake.  
still, Thy rod and staff me com - fort still, me com - fort still.  
- flows, my head with oil Thou dost a - noint and my cup ov - er - flows.  
be; and with my Fath - er ev - er - more my dwel - ling place shall be.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Ecclesiastes 5:8–20\*

If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. <sup>9</sup> But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.

<sup>10</sup> He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vapor. <sup>11</sup> When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup> Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup> There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup> and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup> As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup> This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup> Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup> Behold, what I have seen to be good and beautiful is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup> Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup> For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## SERMON • “Godliness with Contentment” (Rev. Eric Costa)

Homer: “You know, Mr. Burns, you’re the richest guy I know...”

Mr. Burns: “Oh, yes. But I’d trade it all for a little more.” (“The Simpsons”)

“The more you have, the more you want. The more you have, the less you’re satisfied. The more you have, the more people (including the government) will come after it. The more you have, the more you realize it does you no good. The more you have, the more you have to worry about. The more you have, the more you can hurt yourself by holding on to it. The more you have, the more you have to lose. The more you have, the more you’ll leave behind.” (Randy Alcorn, paraphrasing Ecclesiastes 5)

“God permits the very riches in which people trust to bring about the ruin of those who own them.” (Martin Luther)

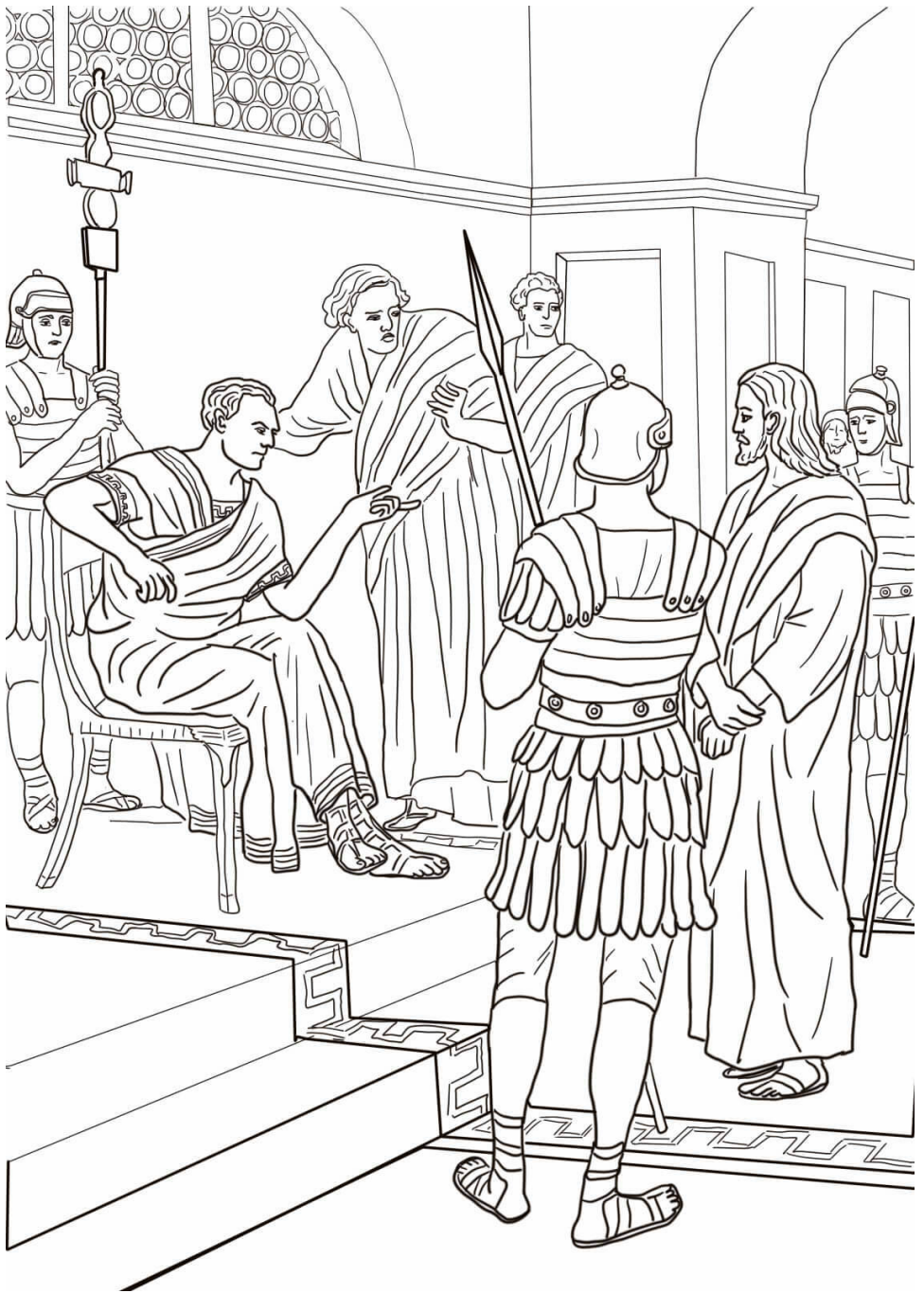
“If anything is worse than the addiction money brings, it is the emptiness it leaves. Man, with eternity in his heart, needs better nourishment than this.” (Derek Kidner)

“The appetite for what money can buy is never satisfied. The only way to curb it is to be content with what God provides.” (Philip Ryken)

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” (Jesus, Matthew 6:24)

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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.*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, “*The peace of Christ be with you.*”)

**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.”

# Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus

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1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of
2. For my par-don this I see: noth-ing but the blood of
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: noth-ing but the blood of
4. This is all my hope and peace: noth-ing but the blood of

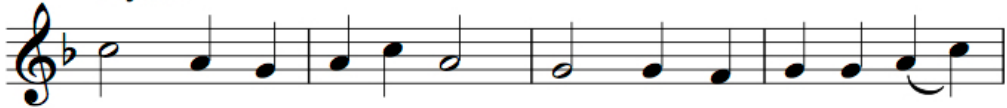


Je - sus. What can make me whole a - gain?  
Je - sus. For my clean - sing this my plea:  
Je - sus. Naught of good that I have done:  
Je - sus. This is all my right - eous - ness:



Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

## *Refrain*



O pre cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;



no o - ther fount I know; noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

5. Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

# We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

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The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther We will feast and weep no more. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not consumed by the flood Up-held pro-TECT - ed, ga - thered up". The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning and a double bar line with repeat dots at the end.

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our  
4 hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther  
7 We will feast and weep no more. We will not be  
11 burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -  
sumed by the flood Up-held pro-TECT - ed, ga - thered up

*(Chorus)*

*We will feast in the house of Zion.  
We will sing with our hearts restored.  
"He has done great things!" we will say together.  
We will feast and weep no more!*

In the dark of night, before the dawn,  
my soul, be not afraid;  
for the promised morning— oh, how long?  
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

*(Chorus)*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed.  
You are the Faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave,  
bind us together, bring shalom.

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • Ephesians 1:2

Grace to you and peace  
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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**For Those Joining Us In Person...** Greetings! We hope that as many people as possible will feel comfortable joining us for Worship. So we're asking everyone to wear a mask and observe "social distancing" (6ft) between households during Worship. During Communion, parents, please distribute the bread and cup to participating children.

**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).)

**Coffee Hospitality** • We'd like to have someone pour and serve coffee after Worship each Sunday. If you'd like to join the rotation to help with this, contact Holly Elliott ([nerdymomma@gmail.com](mailto:nerdymomma@gmail.com)).

**Women's Study** • Connect on Zoom at 7pm on Mondays to study 1 John together. Contact Jerilee Costa ([jerilee.costa@gmail.com](mailto:jerilee.costa@gmail.com)).

**Informational Meeting** • Sun., Apr. 25 after Worship.

**Men's Breakfast** • 7:30am Sat., May 1 at Rob Stevenson's home (5037 NE Stable Court, Hillsboro).

**Summer Campout** • Fri., Aug. 20 - Sun., Aug. 22 at Beverly Beach State Park. Contact Nicole Hamilton ([neh.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com)).

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- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
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