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THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Isaiah 60:1**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

# Angels We Have Heard On High

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Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: 'An-gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains, and the moun-tains in re-ply ech-o back their joy-ous strains. Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o, glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.' The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, 10, 14, and 18. The melody is simple and melodic, with a final cadence at the end.

An-gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing  
o'er the plains, and the moun-tains in re-ply  
ech-o back their joy-ous strains. Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis  
De-o, glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?

*(Chorus)*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King.

*(Chorus)*

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 1:18**

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.”

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 51:11**

The ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Matthew 10:8**

“Freely you have received. Freely give.”

## **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 • Titus 3:1–8

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. <sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup> The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

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.*

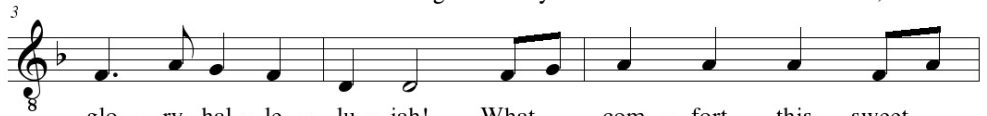
*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives—Glory, Hallelujah!

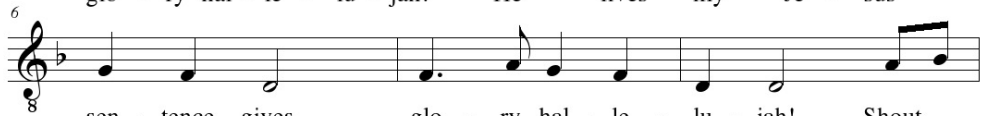
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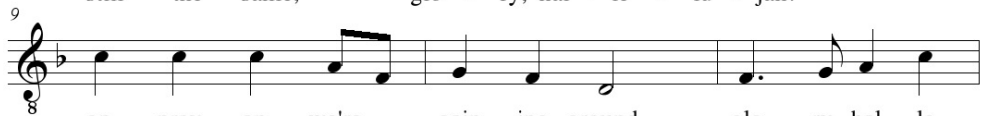
I - know that my Re - deem - er lives,  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead,  
He lives to bless me with his love,  
He lives all glo - ry to his name,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! What com - fort this sweet  
glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! He lives, my ev - er -  
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives to plead for  
glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! He lives my Je - sus



sen - tence gives, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Shout  
last - ing Head, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
me a - bove, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
still the same, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



on, pray on, we're gain - ing ground, glo - ry, hal - le -



lu - jah! The dead's a - live and the lost is found,



glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!

# Jesus Lives And So Shall I

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Tenor

Je-sus lives, and so shall I, death, thy sting is  
gone for-ev-er. He who deigned for me to die,  
still re-main-ing. I shall al-so be with Him,  
lives, the bands of death to sev-er. He shall raise me  
ev-er liv-ing ev-er reign-ing. God has prom-ised  
from the dust: Je-sus is my hope and trust!— He lives! He  
be it must, Je-sus is my hope and trust!—  
lives! Je-sus lives!— He lives! He lives! and so shall

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Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,  
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.  
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust!

*(Chorus)*

Jesus lives, I know full well, naught from him my heart can sever,  
life nor death, nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.  
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust!

*(Chorus)*

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.  
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;  
thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is my hope and trust!

*(Chorus x2)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Ecclesiastes 7:19-29

<sup>19</sup> Wisdom gives strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city.

<sup>20</sup> Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

<sup>21</sup> Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. <sup>22</sup> Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others.

<sup>23</sup> All this I have tested by wisdom. I said, "I will be wise," but it was far from me.

<sup>24</sup> That which has been is far off, and deep, very deep; who can find it out?

<sup>25</sup> I turned my heart to know and to search out and to seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know the wickedness of folly and the foolishness that is madness.

<sup>26</sup> And I find something more bitter than death: the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God escapes her, but the sinner is taken by her. <sup>27</sup> Behold, this is what I found, says the Preacher, while adding one thing to another to find the scheme of things—<sup>28</sup> which my soul has sought repeatedly, but I have not found. One man among a thousand I found, but a woman among all these I have not found. <sup>29</sup> See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## SERMON • "Humble Wisdom" (Rev. Eric Costa)

"The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook."  
(Proverbs 18:4)

"Part of living wisely is learning to live with the limitations of wisdom itself."  
(David Gibson)

"The darkest mystery and the deepest problem of all [is] the depravity of the human heart."  
(Philip Ryken)

"If all men knew what each said of the other, there would not be four friends in the world."  
(Blaise Pascal)

"What other people think of me is none of my business."  
(Joe Pope)



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<sup>†</sup> 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.”



# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line on the sixth staff.

O come, O come, Em - man - - u - el, and  
ran - som cap - tive Is - - - ra - el, that  
mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un - til the Son of  
God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
man - - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra -  
el.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.  
*(Chorus)*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them vict'ry over the grave.  
*(Chorus)*

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*(Chorus)*

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
*(Chorus)*

# Rejoice In Christ Your King

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Tenor

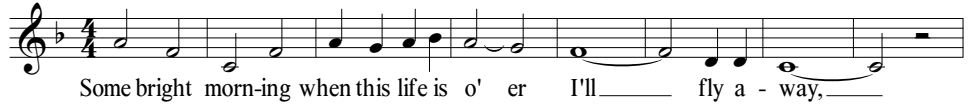
Re - joice, O pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks  
Bright youth and snow crowned age, both men and wo -  
Still lift your stan - dard high, still chant - ing as  
and sing; your fes - tal ban - er wave on high,  
men raise on high your free ex - ult - ing song,  
you go, from youth to age, by night and day,  
the cross of Christ your King. Re-joyce! Re - joice! Re-  
de - clare God's won - drous praise.  
in glad - ness and in woe.  
joyce give thanks and sing! Re - joice! Re - joice! Re-joyce  
in Christ your King!

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest,  
the pilgrims reach their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in Christ your King!*

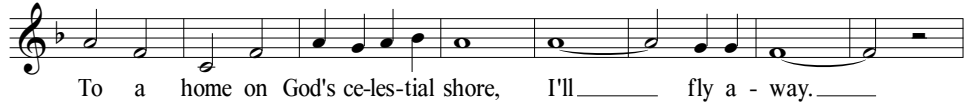
Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice in Christ your King!*

# I'll Fly Away

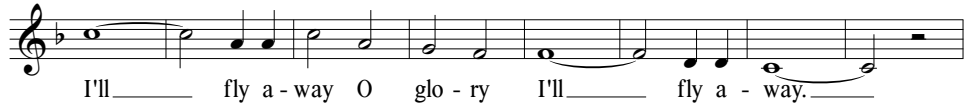
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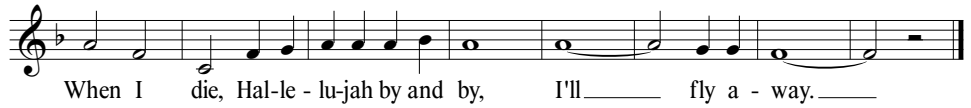
Some bright morn-ing when this life is o' er I'll \_\_\_\_\_ fly a - way, \_\_\_\_\_



To a home on God's ce-les-tial shore, I'll \_\_\_\_\_ fly a - way. \_\_\_\_\_



I'll \_\_\_\_\_ fly a - way O glo - ry I'll \_\_\_\_\_ fly a - way. \_\_\_\_\_



When I die, Hal-le - lu-jah by and by, I'll \_\_\_\_\_ fly a - way. \_\_\_\_\_

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away!  
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly, I'll fly away!

*(Chorus)*

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away!  
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away!

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • Psalm 115:14-15

May the LORD give you increase,  
you and your children!  
May you be blessed by the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth!

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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 would like more volunteers to help serve refreshments after Worship on Sundays, the goal being a larger rotation where people would only need to volunteer once a quarter. This would be a great opportunity for young people (age 12 and up) to participate in simple service, supervised by Holly! Contact Holly Elliott if you'd like to help ([nerdymomma@gmail.com](mailto:nerdymomma@gmail.com)).

**Women's Study** • Connect on Zoom at 7pm on Mondays to study Paul Miller's book, *A Praying Life*, together. Contact Jerilee Costa ([jerilee.costa@gmail.com](mailto:jerilee.costa@gmail.com)).

**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 want to know more about being a Christian.
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