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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Luke 9:23-24**

Jesus said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save 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 lyrics are as follows:

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 • Isaiah 53:6**

All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Creator God, you have given us everything we have, including our very selves. Yet we have refused to receive what we have as gifts, because we have rejected you as the Giver. We have been ungrateful. We have boasted as if we were self-made and self-sufficient. We have hoarded our wealth, not believing in your future generosity. We have gratified ourselves and consumed as much as we can without sharing. We have withheld ourselves from you and others, because we do not delight in giving like you do. But you live forever as Giver, Gift, and Given, and you have even given yourself to us. In your mercy, forgive us. In your grace, fill us with your Gift-life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 53:4-5**

Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

## **OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 8:7-9**

As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

## **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 Corinthians 1:18-31

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...

Father Eternal, God Almighty, you have brought forth from the root of Jesse a shoot, Jesus our Savior.

*He is your anointed one, the promised Messiah, in him you are well pleased. We come to you in his service, to offer our prayers of intercession for the coming of his kingdom.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be both Lord and Christ.

*We pray for the Church of Christ that she might be faithful to her Lord, bearing witness to his reign in every land among every people.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be our Lord and Shepherd.

*We pray for those whom you have appointed to be ministers of your gospel. We especially ask for your protection and help for our pastor.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be Lord of all the earth.

*We pray that you draw all people to kneel before the Prince of Peace. Please establish justice and peace between nations in your world.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus King of kings and Lord of lords.

*We pray for the rulers of our nation that they might be wise, fearing the Lord to whom they must bow in the world to come.*

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus a counselor and comforter of your people.

*We pray for those among us who suffer, for those who are lonely, for those without home or family, for those who are depressed and discouraged, for those who are seeking work, for those who are sick, for those who are grieving.*

Praise, honor and glory belong to you, Eternal Father, and to your Son, 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.*

# Psalm 46

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God is our re - fuge our strength and our shield, an  
Nat - tions in up - roar, men's king - doms, they fall, He  
Come, let us see what the Lord has done, the



ev - er pre - sent help. We will not fear though the earth  
speaks and the earth melts a - way. the worst we im - a - gine the strong-  
ru - ins He brings to the earth. He makes wars to cease to the ends



— gives way. and the moun - tains crash in to the sea.  
- est of storms, our for - tress, it will still re - main.  
— of the earth, He shat - ters the bow and the spear. —



*There is a ri - ver who's streams will make glad the ci - ty of our most High King.*



*God is with-in her, and she will not fail, He helps her at break of the day.  
God is with-in her, and she will not fail, He helps her at break of the day.  
God is with-in her, and she will not fail, List - ten and hear the Lord say: "Be*



still, and know that I am God." "Be

# To You, O Lord, I Lift My Eyes

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Tenor



8  
To You, O Lord, I lift my eyes,  
4  
O Lord our God, Your mer-cy show,  
7  
To You en - throned a - bove the skies.  
For hu - man pride and scorn we know.  
8  
As ser - vants  
10  
Re - proach and  
8  
watch their mas - ter's hand, Or  
13  
shame your saints en - dure, From  
8  
maid - ens by their mis - tress stand,  
16  
sin - ners who ap - pear se - cure.  
8  
So to the Lord our eyes we raise,  
20  
To You O Lord, I lift my eyes,  
8  
Un - til His mer - cy He dis - plays.  
To You en - throned a - bove the skies.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING • Ecclesiastes 9:11-18**

Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. <sup>12</sup> For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.

<sup>13</sup> I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me. <sup>14</sup> There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siegeworks against it. <sup>15</sup> But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. <sup>16</sup> But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard.

<sup>17</sup> The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools. <sup>18</sup> Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

## **SERMON • “Wisdom That Doesn’t Work” (Rev. Eric Costa)**







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11**

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

*I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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].)

# Be Thou My Vision

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Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my  
Be thou my wis - dom and thou my true  
Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my  
Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty  
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry



heart, naught be all else to me  
word; I ev - er with thee and  
fight; be thou my dig - ni - ty,  
praise; thou mine in - her - i - tance,  
won, may I reach heav - en's joys,



save that thou art, thou my best  
thou with me, Lord; thou my great  
thou my de - light, thou my soul's  
now and al - ways: thou and thou  
O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my



thought by day or by night  
Fa - ther, I thy true son;  
shel - ter, thou my high tow'r;  
on - ly, first in my heart,  
own heart, what - ev - er - be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Robert Williams • Public Domain

Tenor

8 Hail the day that sees Him rise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 There for Him high tri - umph waits;  
8 To His throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
9 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates,  
8 Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!  
13 He hath con - quered death and sin,  
8 En - ters now the high - est - heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Take the King of glo - ry in!

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!  
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
blessings on his church below! Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!  
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!

## BENEDICTION • 2 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you  
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

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**For Those Joining Us In Person...** Greetings! We hope that you will feel comfortable being with us this morning (even though church is often an uncomfortable experience!). We leave it up to your personal discretion whether you wear a mask or observe social distancing during 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).)

**Church Picnic** • Sun., June 27, after Worship, at the Walnut Street Park (SE 18th & Walnut). Bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair or blanket.

**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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