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**CALL TO WORSHIP • John 15:9**

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Abide in my love.”



## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Joel 2:12-13**

“Yet even now,” declares the LORD,  
“return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”  
Return to the LORD your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
and he relents over disaster.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Joel 2:32**

Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 1 John 3:16-18**

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth.

## **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 • Luke 23:50 – 24:9**

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, <sup>51</sup> who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup> This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup> Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. <sup>54</sup> It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup> The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup> Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

<sup>24:1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

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...

(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.*

# The Lord, My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



The Lord my shep - herd rules my life  
The Lord re - vives my fail - ing strength,  
Though in a val - ley dark as death,  
and gives me all I need; He  
He makes my joy com - plete; and  
no e - vil makes me fear; Your  
leads me by re - fresh - ing streams;  
in right paths, for His names sake,  
shep - herd's staff pro - tects my way,  
in pas - tures green I feed. Your  
He guides my fal - ting feet.  
for you are with me there.  
good - ness and your gra - cious love pur - sue me all my  
days; Your house, O Lord, shall be my home, your  
name my end - less praise.

While all my enemies look on, you spread a royal feast;  
you fill my cup, anoint my head, and treat me as your guest.

*(Chorus)*

# For All The Saints

Text: William H. How • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor

8 For all the saints who from this  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for- tress  
4 la - bor's rest to thee by - faith be-fore the  
8 and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the  
6 world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for -  
8 well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their  
e - ver blessed, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.  
one true light, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia, Alelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,  
Alleluia, Alelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Jonah 2

1:17 The LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2:1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup> saying,

“I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,  
and he answered me;  
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard my voice.

3 For you cast me into the deep,  
into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounded me;  
all your waves and your billows  
passed over me.

4 Then I said, ‘I am driven away  
from your sight;  
yet I shall again look  
upon your holy temple.’

5 The waters closed in over me to take my life;  
the deep surrounded me;  
weeds were wrapped about my head  
at the roots of the mountains.

6 I went down to the land  
whose bars closed upon me forever;  
yet you brought up my life from the pit,  
O LORD my God.

7 When my life was fainting away,  
I remembered the LORD,  
and my prayer came to you,  
into your holy temple.

8 Those who pay regard to vain idols  
forsake their hope of steadfast love.

9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving  
will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay.  
Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

10 And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON • “Salvation Belongs to the Lord” (Rev. Eric Costa)**







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60**

How are you right with God?

*Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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].)*

# A Hymn To God The Father

A Poem by John Donne • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Wilt Thou for - give that sin where I be - gun, which  
5 was my sin, though it were done be - fore? Wilt Thou for -  
10 give that sin through which I run, and do run still, though  
15 still I do de - plore? When Thou hast  
19 done, — Thou hast not done, — for I have more, — I have  
25 more. When Thou hast done, — Thou hast not done,  
30 — for I have more, — I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won  
others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
a year or two, but wallow'd in a score?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
for I have more, I have more. (2x)

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun  
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
but swear by thyself, that at my death thy sun  
shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.

And, having done that, thou hast done.  
I fear no more. I fear no more. (2x)

# And Can It Be?

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Thomas Campbell • Public Domain

And can it be that I should gain an  
'Tis mys - tery all: th'Im - mor - tal dies: who  
Long my im - pri - soned spi - rit lay, fast  
5 No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je -  
in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for  
can ex - plore His strange de - sign? In vain the  
bound in sin and na - ture's night, Thine eye dif -  
10 sus and all in Him, is mine; A - live in  
me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to  
first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of  
fused a quick - ening ray; I woke the dung - eon  
15 Him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in right - eous -  
death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it  
love di - vine, 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a -  
flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was  
20 ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal  
be that thou my God, shouldst die for  
dore, let an - gel minds in - quire no  
free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed  
24 throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my  
me? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that  
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Thee.  
own.  
29 thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

## BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself  
give you peace at all times in every way.  
The Lord be with you all.

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**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).)

**Mercy Sunday** • On the first Sunday of the month (today), in addition to our regular offering, we collect *alms*, gifts of mercy. These gifts go toward a fund the deacons use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. (If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: [deacons@ascensionpc.org](mailto:deacons@ascensionpc.org).)

**Music & Choir Practice** • Thu., Aug. 5 at the home of Tim and Shirley Sauerwein (5450 NW Innsbrook Place, Portland, 97229). Music practice for Sunday Worship will begin at 7pm, choir practice will start afterward, around 7:30. Anyone interested is welcome to join us! Come and practice an easy choral arrangement, to be sung for the offertory on Sun., Aug. 8. Contact Tim ([tim@xyzy2.com](mailto:tim@xyzy2.com)).

**Men’s Breakfast** • 7:30am Sat., Aug. 7 at the home of Travis and Myndi Koch (32285 SW Laurel Road, Hillsboro, 97123). Please bring something to share for our meal together.

**Summer BBQ / Picnic** • After Worship Sunday, Aug. 15. Mark your calendars! More details to come...

**Setup Help** • We would like more volunteers to help with setup and takedown for Worship on Sundays. Please contact Bill Duncan if you can help ([bduncan47@gmail.com](mailto:bduncan47@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)).

**Women’s Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Oct. 22-24, in Lincoln City. The cost will be \$90 per person. For more details, and to register, contact Cheryl Boden ([wu.gardens@gmail.com](mailto:wu.gardens@gmail.com)).

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