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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Revelation 22:17**

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."  
And let the one who hears say, "Come."  
And let the one who is thirsty come;  
let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

# Come, Thou Almighty King

Text: Anonymous • Music: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796) • Public Domain

1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
4. To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal

name to sing, Help us to praise: Fa - ther! all -  
might - y sword, Our prayer at - tend! Come, and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be, Hence ev - er - more; Thy sov - reign

glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous, Come, and reign  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy word suc - cess: Spir - it of  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart And ne'er from  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see, And to e -

o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.  
us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore. A - men.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Romans 3:10-12**

As it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;  
no one understands;  
no one seeks for God.

All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;  
no one does good,  
not even one.”

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Romans 5:1**

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Matthew 6:24**

“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.”

## **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.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Isaiah 42:1-4

- 1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- 2 He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;
- 3 a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- 4 He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

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...

Almighty God who is from everlasting to everlasting, grant us, amidst the conflicts of this world, the comfort of a perfect trust in you.

We lament the fact that pride, selfishness, greed, and anger lead to war among brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as war among nations.

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

For all who are afflicted by war within themselves, by the conflicts of doubt, a rebellious will, and the darkness of despair:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

For all who suffer in body and circumstance, the sick, the poor, and the prisoner, that they would be touched by your compassion in their time of need:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

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.*

# Put Not Your Hope In The Nation (Psalm 146)

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Put not your hope in the na-tion; Put not your hope in a king.  
He is the hope of the hun-gry; He is the Lord of the feast.

Trust in the on-ly one who o-pens eyes and sets the pris-nor free.  
Our Fa-ther's house al-ways o-pens wide to wel-come ref-u-gees.

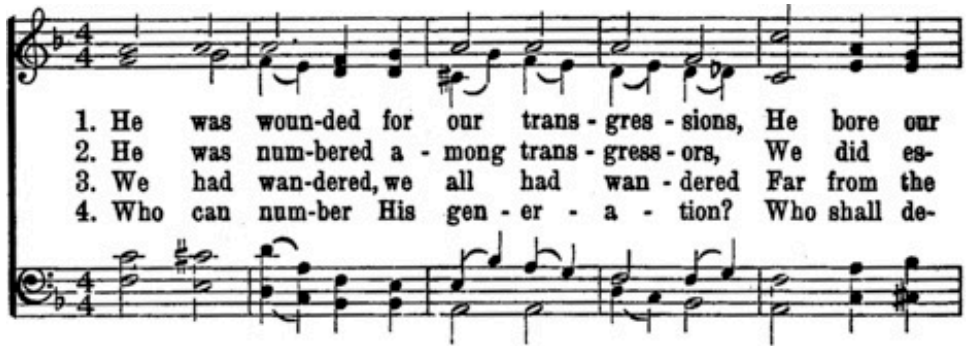
He is the mak-er of heav-en;— He formed the earth and the sea.  
The fa-ther-less find a fa-ther; The wid-ow rests in His strength.

Our help will come from the Lord our God, our gra-cious king of peace. Praise the  
The heart of God is for-ev-er home to all the poor and weak.

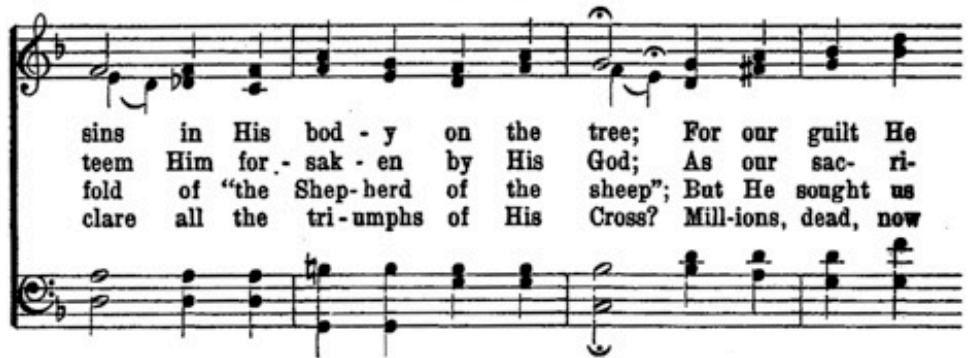
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Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

# He Was Wounded For Our Transgression

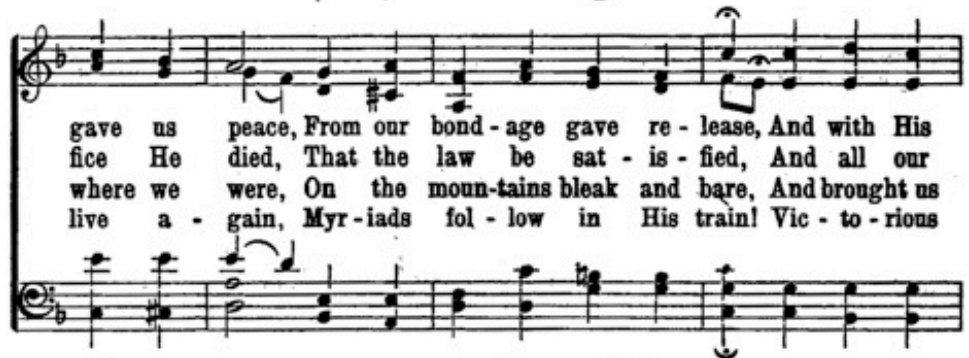
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1. He was woun-ded for our trans-gres-sions, He bore our  
2. He was num-bered a-mong trans-gress-ors, We did es-  
3. We had wan-dered, we all had wan-dered Far from the  
4. Who can num-ber His gen-er-a-tion? Who shall de-



sins in His bod-y on the tree; For our guilt He  
teem Him for-sak-en by His God; As our sac-ri-  
fold of "the Shep-herd of the sheep"; But He sought us  
clare all the tri-umphs of His Cross? Mill-ions, dead, now



gave us peace, From our bond-age gave re-lease, And with His  
fice He died, That the law be sat-is-ied, And all our  
where we were, On the moun-tains bleak and bare, And brought us  
live a-gain, Myr-iads fol-low in His train! Vic-to-ri-ous



stripes, and with His stripes, And with His stripes our souls are healed.  
sin, and all our sin, And all our sin was laid on Him.  
home, and brought us home, And brought us safe-ly home to God.  
Lord, vic-to-ri-ous Lord, Vic-to-ri-ous Lord and com-ing King!

**GOSPEL READING • Matthew 3:11-17**

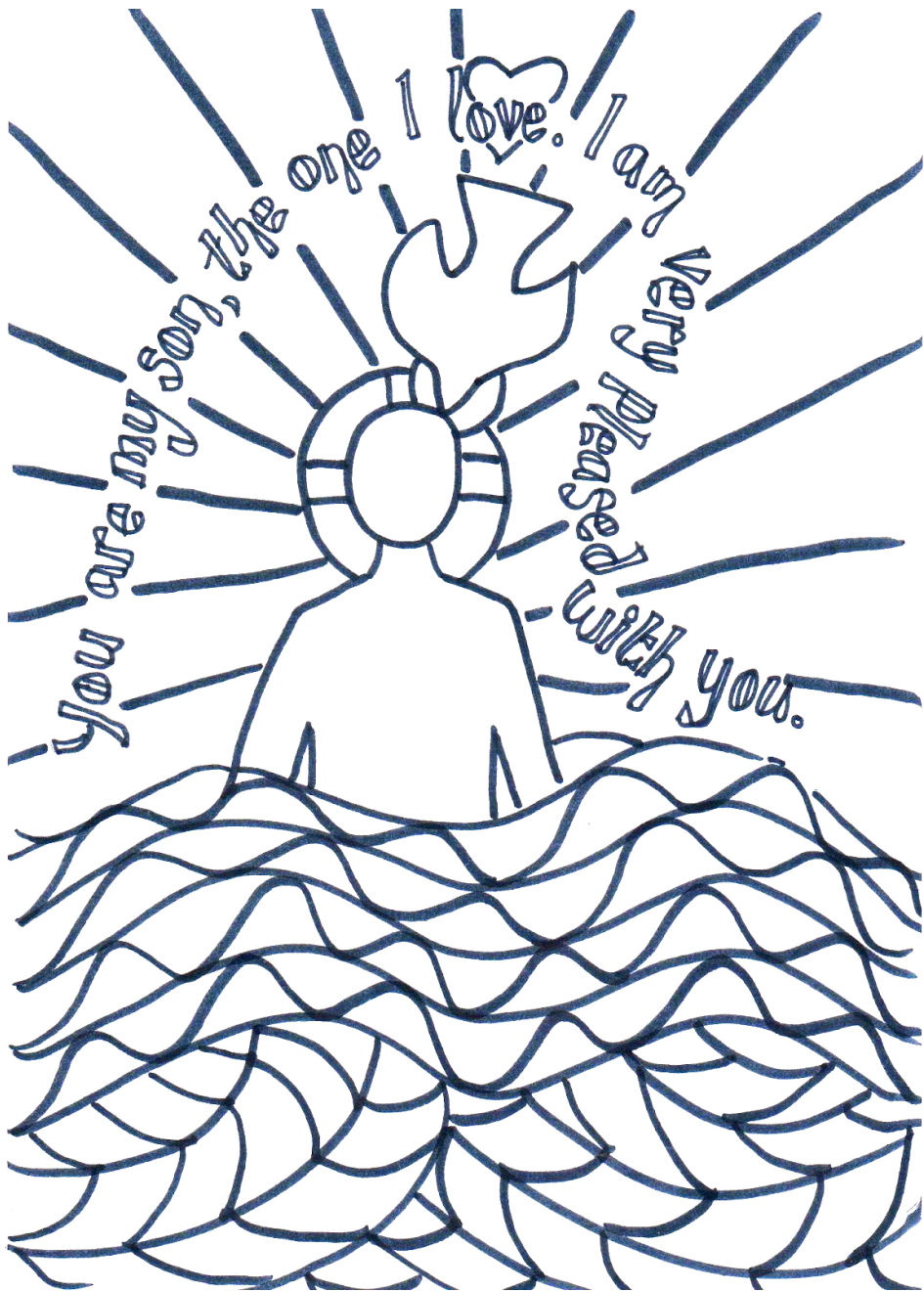
“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

**SERMON • “The Baptism of Jesus Christ” (Rev. Eric Costa)**



You are my son, the one I love. I am very pleased with you.





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].)

# I Hunger And I Thirst

Text: John S. B. Monsell, Matthew H. Curl • Music: Matthew H. Curl

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Tenor

I hun - ger and I thirst;  
Thou bruised and bro - ken Bread,  
Thou true life - giv - ing Vine,  
Rough paths my feet have trod,  
Je - sus my man - na be; ye liv - ing wa - ters,  
my life - long needs sup - ply; as liv - ing souls are  
let me Thy sweet - ness prove; re - new my life with  
since first their course be - gan; feed me, thou Bread of  
burst, out of the rock for me. I  
fed, O feed me or I die. I  
Thine, re - fresh my soul with love. I  
God, help me thou Son of Man. I  
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!  
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!  
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!  
hun - ger and I thirst; Je - sus my man - na be!  
Je - sus Christ the bread of  
life, I hun - ger for you Lord!

For still the desert lies my thirsting soul before;  
O living waters rise within me evermore.  
I hunger and I thirst, Jesus my manna be!

*Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, I hunger for you Lord!*  
*Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, I hunger for you Lord!*

# Let All Things Now Living

Text: Katherine Davis • Music: "Ash Grove" (Trad. Welch Melody) • Public Domain

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks -  
2. His law he en - forc - es: the stars in their

giv - ing to God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly  
cours - es, the sun in its or - bit, o - be - dient - ly

raise, who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and  
shine; the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and

stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our  
foun - tains, the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di -

days. His ban - ners are o'er us, his  
vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing  
love and re - joic - ing, with glad ad - o - ra - tion a

forth in the night, 'til shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is  
song let us raise, 'til all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
giv - ing to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

## BENEDICTION • 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

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**For Those Joining Us in Person...** Greetings! We're glad you're here! Our access to God the Father, our relationship in Christ, our unity in the Spirit is the most important thing in the world. We hope that as many people as possible will feel comfortable joining us for Worship, so we're asking everyone to wear a mask while indoors. Whether or not this is an inconvenience to you, please extend patience and grace to each other during this time when we might have differing opinions on what it means to faithfully respond to God in our love for each other.

**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).)

**After Worship Today** • About 15 minutes after Worship, children will gather in the sanctuary for Sunday School, and adults are welcome to join the Sermon Discussion in the Fellowship Hall.

**Next Sunday** • The Janssens (Brian and Faith, with their children Abby and Nathan) are home from Taiwan for a year. On Oct. 17, Brian will preach from Psalm 67 during Worship, and then they will lead our regular Sermon Discussion time in a presentation of their mission work.

**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), 503-319-8037).

**Men's Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Nov. 12-14, in Lincoln City. The cost will be \$90 per person. For more details, and to register, contact Brian Aznoe ([baznoe@gmail.com](mailto:baznoe@gmail.com)).

**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)).

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Brian & Faith Janssen, Missionaries in Taiwan with OMF ([omf.org/asia/taiwan](http://omf.org/asia/taiwan))

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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
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