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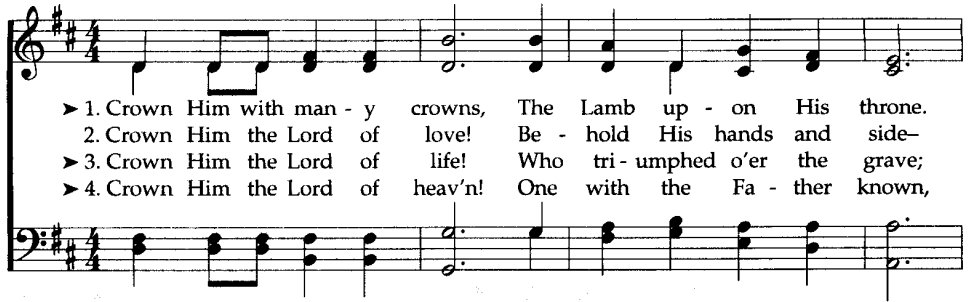
**CALL TO WORSHIP • 1 Chronicles 16:23-25**

Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,  
and he is to be held in awe above all gods.

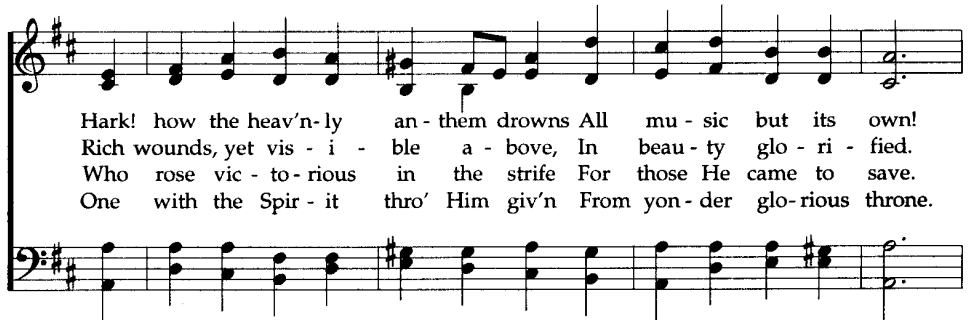
# Crown Him With Many Crowns

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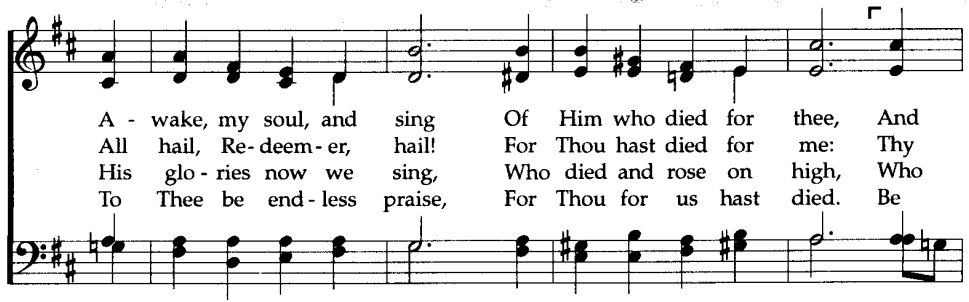
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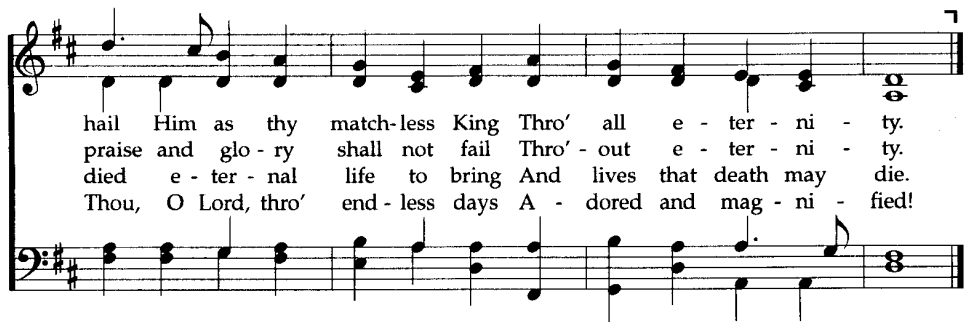
▶ 1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne.  
▶ 2. Crown Him the Lord of love! Be - hold His hands and side-  
▶ 3. Crown Him the Lord of life! Who tri - umphed o'er the grave;  
▶ 4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Fa - ther known,



Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
Who rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
One with the Spir - it thro' Him giv'n From yon - der glo - rious throne.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me: Thy  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
To Thee be end - less praise, For Thou for us hast died. Be



hail Him as thy match-less King Thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.  
praise and glo - ry shall not fail Thro' - out e - ter - ni - ty.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Thou, O Lord, thro' end - less days A - dored and mag - ni - fied!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Romans 7:18-19**

I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Romans 8:1**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Luke 6:38**

*“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”*

## **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 • Ephesians 4:1-6**

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...

We extol you our God and King. You exist in the mystery of the Trinity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*You live independent of all that you have created. You uphold and govern your creation by your wise and holy providence. Your wisdom is unsearchable, and your thoughts are higher than ours. Your justice is absolute and perfectly fair. There is none like you, the Holy One of Israel.*

Yet, as our great God and King, you show mercy and compassion to your creatures.

*You dwell with the meek and lowly. Your tender mercies are over all of your works. The broken spirit and the contrite heart you do not despise. You live with us in grace as our Father.*

We come to you now through our Lord Jesus Christ to plead for your care for the Church.

*Strengthen the churches that proclaim your gospel. Bless the churches and church plants of the Pacific Northwest Presbytery, and especially our church here at Ascension.*

We pray also for your help and blessing for our city.

*Grant your help and protection to our Mayor and City Council. Please bring financial prosperity to our city. Make Hillsboro a more just and merciful and peaceful community. Help your people to benefit our city and to reflect your grace in our callings.*

Father, we thank you for the mercy and kindness you have shown to us in this country.

*Give us wisdom in the use of our wealth. We ask for purity in the use of our freedoms. We ask that our leaders might serve with humility, compassion and justice.*

Our Savior, we appeal to your great compassion for help to those among us who are suffering.

*Heal those who are sick. Encourage those who are discouraged and depressed. Provide for those who are struggling financially. Comfort those who are grieving. Give hope to those who are suffering in guilt and doubt.*

Our great God, we ask you to hear us and to work in us that which is pleasing to you, as we pray in the words our Savior taught us:

*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.*

## How Firm A Foundation

Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns* (1787) • Music: Trad. American Melody • Public Domain

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'How Firm A Foundation'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 8, 12, and 16. The lyrics are: 'How firm a foundation, you saints of the "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - Lord, is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent mayed; for I am your God, and will still give you word! What more can He say than to you He has aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent fled? hand.'

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design,  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

# O God Our Help In Ages Past

Text: Isaac Watts (paraphrasing Psalm 90) • Music: William Croft • Public Domain

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the sha - dow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,  
5 Time, like an e - ver rol - ling stream, bears all of us a - way,  
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

our shel - ter from the stor - my blast, and our e - ter - nal home.  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from e - ver - las - ting you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ri - sing sun.  
we fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op - ening day.  
be now our guard while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 133

A SONG OF ASCENTS. OF DAVID.

- 1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!
- 3 It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

### SERMON • “Dwelling in Unity” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“True unity, like all good gifts, is from above; bestowed rather than contrived, a blessing far more than an achievement.” (Derek Kidner)

“Even when sin and misunderstanding burden the communal life, is not the sinning brother still a brother, with whom I, too, stand under the Word of Christ? Will not his sin be a constant occasion for me to give thanks that both of us may live in the forgiving love of God in Jesus Christ? Thus the very hour of disillusionment with my brother becomes incomparably salutary, because it so thoroughly teaches me that neither of us can ever live by our own words and deeds, but only by that one Word and Deed which really binds us together—the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20**

Who is Jesus Christ?

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 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].)

# Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus

Text & Music: Robert Lowry • Public Domain (Hymnary.org)



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.

# 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 • John 14:27

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

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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.

**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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
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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
- Please use this info for the photo directory.