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THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 30:4-5

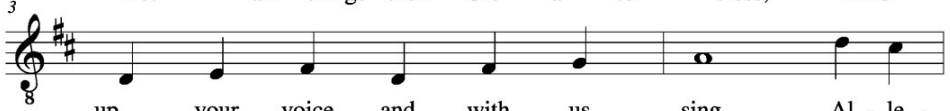
Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

All Creatures Of Our God And King

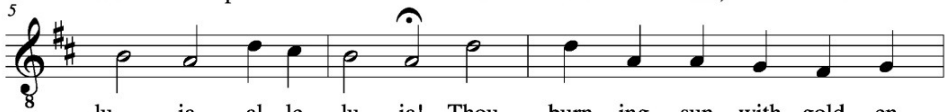
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All crea - tures of our God and King, lift
Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye
Thou flow - ing wat - er pure and clear, make
And all ye men of ten - der heart, For -
Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And



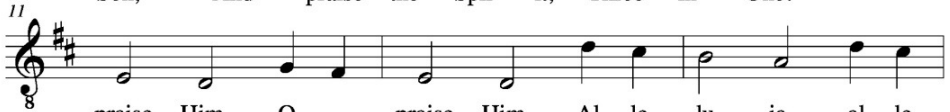
up your voice and with us sing Al - le -
clouds that sail in heav'n a - long, O
mu - sic for thy Lord to hear, Al - le -
giv - ing oth - ers, take your part, O
wor - ship Him in hum - ble - ness, O



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en
praise Him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re -
lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and
sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
praise Him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fath - er, praise the



beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O
joice, Ye lights of eve - ning find a voice,
bright, That giv - est man both warmth and light,
bear, Praise God and on Him cast your care!
Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One!



praise Him, O praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Colossians 1:2

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy are laid bare before your eyes and ours. We open ourselves to you and ask that you forgive us and cover us in Christ. Let us hear your voice telling us that his blood is our peace, his death our freedom, his smiting our safety. And let our hearts know that your service is perfect freedom. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

Concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper.

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 9:1-7

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...

Our Father in Heaven, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. You did not spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all; how will you not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

We thank you for your daily provision for our physical needs. We thank you for your care for our souls. We thank you for your mercy given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord Jesus, You rule over all things for the sake of your Church. You are at the right hand of God interceding for us constantly. Nothing can separate us from your love.

Increase the peace and purity and unity of this congregation. Strengthen the church of Christ in our city. Protect and stand with our brothers and sisters everywhere who are being persecuted for their faith.

Our Savior, you invite the weary and burdened to come to you and find rest. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. You are gentle and humble in heart.

Heal those who are sick. Give your grace and peace to those facing imminent death and to those who care for them. Comfort those who are grieving. Sit closely with those who are lonely. Provide for those who are seeking work. Free those who are struggling with enslaving sins.

Our great God, we hear your promise that the knowledge of your glory will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

Increase the spread of the Gospel in and through our city, to the world. We ask you to extend your mercy to our friends and loved ones.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

Amen.

The People That In Darkness Sat

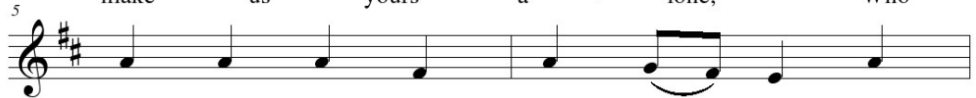
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The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat a
To hail you, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, the
To us the Child of hope is born, to
His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the
His righ - teous gov - ern - ment and pow'r shall
Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, and



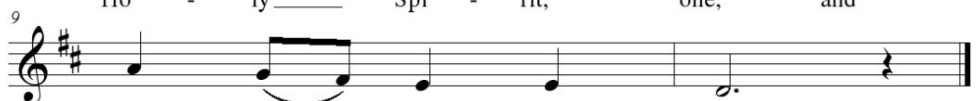
glo - rious light have seen; The
gath - 'ring na - tions come; They
us the Son is giv'n, And
Ev - er - last - ing Lord, The
o - ver all ex - tend; On
make us yours a - lone, Who



light has shined on them who long in
joy as when the reap - ers bear their
on his shoul - der ev - er rests all
Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the
judg - ment and on jus - tice based, his
with the Fa - ther ev - er are and



shades of death have been, in
har - vest trea - sures home, their
pow'r in earth and heav'n, all
God by all a - dored, the
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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.

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 4:12-25

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “The Kingdom of Heaven” (Rev. Eric Costa)



Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace



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].)

In Sweet Communion

Text: Psalm 73 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

In sweet com - mun - ion Lord with you, I
Your coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall
Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the
To live a - part from God is death, 'tis
con - stant - ly a - bide my hand you hold with -
guide me and con - trol; and then to glo - ry
Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion
good His face to seek; my re - fuge is the
in your own, to keep me near your side Al - le -
af - ter - ward you will re - ceive my soul.
of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly.
liv - ing God, His praise I long to speak.
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia Al - le -
lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia

Rejoice In Christ Your King

Text: Edward H. Plumtree • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

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!

BENEDICTION • 1 Peter 1:1-2

To those who are chosen...
according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,
in the sanctification of the Spirit,
for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:
may grace and peace be multiplied to you.

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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.)

After Worship Today • From 11:40 to 12:15, children will gather in the sanctuary for Sunday School, and adults are welcome to join the Sermon Discussion in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Study • 6:30am Tuesdays at the Starbucks at the Sunset Esplanade (2521 SE TV Highway). This group is discussing Michael Reeves' book, *Delighting in the Trinity*.

Women's Study • 7:30pm Thursdays. Locations vary - contact Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com). This group is discussing Dane Ortlund's book, *Gentle and Lowly*.

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