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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 50:14–15**

“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and perform your vows to the Most High,  
and call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”

# Let Us Praise God Together

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*Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. Ps. 34:3*

C<sup>7</sup> F Dm B<sup>b</sup> C<sup>7</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F

1. Let us praise God to - geth - er, let us praise;  
 2. Let us seek God to - geth - er, let us pray;  
 3. Let us serve God to - geth - er, him o - bey;

Gm<sup>7</sup> F C<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>9</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C F C<sup>7</sup>

let us praise God to - geth - er all our days.  
 let us seek his for - give - ness as we pray.  
 let our lives show his good - ness through each day.

F F F<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> Gm

He is faith - ful in all his ways, he is wor - thy of  
 He will cleanse us from all our sin, he will help us the  
 Christ the Lord is the world's true light, let us serve him with

Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> Dm F Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F<sup>7</sup>

all our praise, his name be ex - alt - ed on high.  
 fight to win, his name be ex - alt - ed on high.  
 all our might, his name be ex - alt - ed on high.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 10:12-14**

When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Holy One, we confess that we are unholy. We have taken the side of your Enemy and believed his lies rather than your Word. At a deep level we are suspicious of your goodness and authority. We revel in your gifts but do not delight in you. We are ungrateful and deluded in our pretended autonomy. You are Love, but we love ourselves and hate you. We sin. Clearly we do not deserve your forgiveness, but we are bold to ask for it because of your Son, Jesus, who loved us and gave himself for us. Please, Father, assure us of your love through the Gospel of your Son, purge our sins through the cleansing fire of your Holy Spirit, and crush the devil's power. We ask in the name of Jesus and according to his will. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 10:19-22**

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 122

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...

Lord, you built your church and promised to dwell with her forever.

*Bless all who guard and feed your sheep, those who shepherd souls, those who care for the poor, those who minister praise, as well as those who teach your Word, that, as you are lifted up, men and women will be drawn to you.*

Lord, likewise, you rule over all the nations of the earth.

*We pray for peace in every corner of the world: where there is war, where there is persecution, where there is starvation, where there is sickness, as well as every nation where there is suffering, that you will be glorified among the nations.*

Lord, out of the depths of eternity you moved in history in the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*In him was life and the life was our light. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Cause that light to shine ever brighter in us and through us.*

We pray as you 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.*

## There Were Ninety and Nine

*There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. Luke 15:7*

1. There were nine - ty and nine that safe - ly lay in the  
 2. "Lord, thou hast here thy nine - ty and nine; are  
 3. But none of the ran - somed ev - er knew how  
 4. "Lord, whence are those blood - drops all the way that  
 5. But all thro' the moun - tains, thun - der - riv'n, and

shel - ter of the fold, but one was out on the  
 they not e - nough for thee?" But the Shep - herd made an - swer:  
 • deep were the wa - ters crossed; nor how dark was the night that the  
 mark out the moun - tain's track?" "They were shed for the one who had  
 up from the rock - y steep, there a - rose a glad cry to the

hills a - way, far off from the gates of gold—  
 "This of mine has wan - dered a - way from me,  
 • Lord passed thro' ere he found his sheep that was lost.  
 gone a - stray ere the Shep - herd could bring him back."  
 gate of heav'n, "Re - joice! I have found my sheep!"

a - way on the moun - tains wild and bare,  
 and al - though the road be rough and steep,  
 • Out in the des - ert he heard its cry—  
 “Lord, whence are thy hands so rent and torn?”  
 And the an - gels ech - oed a - round the throne,

a - way from the ten - der Shep - herd's care,  
 I go to the des - ert to find my sheep,  
 • sick and help - less, and read - y to die;  
 “They're pierced to - night by man - y a thorn;  
 “Re - joice, for the Lord brings back his own!

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To you who believe ... [he] is precious. 1 Pet. 2:7

1. Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2. In thine arms I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
 3. Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; death, I now de - cry thee;  
 4. Hence with earth - ly trea - sure! Thou art all my plea - sure,  
 5. Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of glad - ness,

tru - est Friend to me: ah, how long in an - guish shall my spir - it  
 can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be  
 • fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me nor thy threats a -  
 Je - sus, all my choice. Hence, thou emp - ty glo - ry! Naught to me thy  
 Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, though the storms may

lan - guish, yearn - ing, Lord, for thee? Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb!  
 • quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
 • larm me while I sing of peace. God's great pow'r guards ev - 'ry hour;  
 sto - ry, told with tempt - ing voice. Pain or loss or shame or cross  
 gath - er, still have peace with - in. Yea, what - e'er I here must bear,

I will suf - fer naught to hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.  
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 • earth and all its depths a - dore him, si - lent bow be - fore him.  
 shall not from my Sav - ior move me, since he deigns to love me.  
 thou art still my pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure.

## GOSPEL READING • Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • “Blessed Are The Peacemakers” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.” (Psalm 34:14)

“Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but those who plan peace have joy.” (Proverbs 12:20)

“Within Jesus’ peacemaking death, he reconciles humankind to God, for he has put to death a sinful humanity that was born at enmity with God (see Gen. 3:8-10). Likewise, in his resurrection, Jesus has created humanity anew, one new man re-created in the Holy Spirit. In so doing, he has broken down the walls of enmity that exist between God and man, but also those that separate nations and races... When Jesus, the Peacemaker, comes in glory at the end of time, he will vanquish all enmity and strife and peace will reign.” (Thomas Weinandy)

“Peacemakers are people who breathe grace. They draw continually on the goodness and power of Jesus Christ, and then they bring his love, mercy, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom to the conflicts of daily life... Peacemakers provide a powerful testimony to God’s presence and work in our lives.” (Ken Sande)

“Real change comes in people’s attitudes toward conflict and reconciliation through a renewed vision of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel is the engine that drives the train of reconciliation... Peacemaking is all about Jesus Christ, his person and work, as its ground, message, and manner of being... Peacemaking is Christology.” (Alfred Poirier)

“There is no more godlike work to be done in this world than peacemaking.” (John Broadus)





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Apostles' Creed**

What do you believe?

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.\* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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].)

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\* When the Creed states that Jesus “descended into hell,” we understand it to mean that he suffered the holy wrath of God for the sins of his people.

† Or, “universal.”

## O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

*Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. John 13:1*

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,  
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from  
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean  
 shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,  
 love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,  
 chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,  
 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,  
 died to call them all his own; how for them he  
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
 in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

# 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!*

## BENEDICTION • John 20:21

Jesus said, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

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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).)

**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 Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

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

**Congregational Conversation** • Sun., Jan. 23, after Worship. We'll give a 2021 financial report, provide the 2022 budget, and make room for conversation about church matters in general. (There will be no Sunday School or Sermon Discussion that day.)

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