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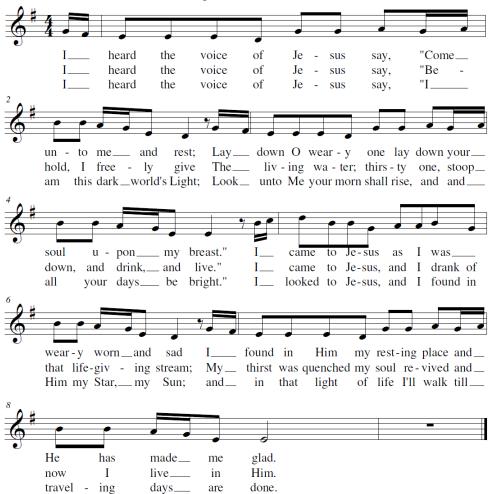


CALL TO WORSHIP • Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen! *He is risen indeed!* Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 John 1:8, 10

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we have loved other gods before you and have become their servants. We have not worshiped you in spirit and in truth. We have brought insult upon your reputation. We have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored others as they deserve. We have hated our neighbors. Our desires are all distorted and misplaced. We have taken for ourselves what did not belong to us. We have lied, slandered, and gossiped. We have coveted the good blessings you gave to others. O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have not kept your law. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

May the peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you!*

OFFERING • 1 Chronicles 29:12-14

"Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 19:7-11

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... Father, we pray for your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, that we all may be one. Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

Grant that every member of the church may joyfully and humbly serve you, *that your Name would be honored by all people*. Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer*.

We pray for all who lead and guide your church, that they may be faithful and diligent servants of you. Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, *that there may be justice and peace on the earth*. Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer*.

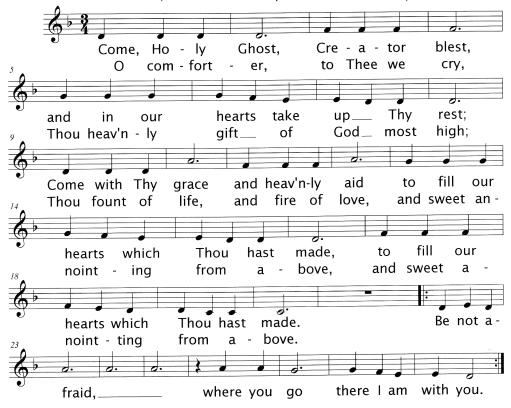
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, that we may know the joy of living for you. Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble, *that they may be delivered from their distress*. Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer*.

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to 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.

Come, Holy Ghost

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O Holy Ghost, through thee alone know we the Father and the Son; be this our firm, unchanging creed, that thou dost from them both proceed, that thou dost from them both proceed.

(Chorus x2)

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one; and may the Son on us bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow, all gifts that from the Spirit flow.

(Chorus x2)

God Of My Life Text: William Cowper (1731-1800) • Music: Benj Pocta, Clint Wells, Brian T. Murphy ©2007 Red Mountain Music

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GOSPEL READING • Matthew 5:17-20

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

SERMON • "The Fulfillment of the Law and Prophets" (Rev. Eric Costa)

"'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'" (Luke 24:44-48)

"Being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, [unbelieving Israel] did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." (Romans 10:3-4)

"Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." (Romans 15:4)

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." (Hebrews 1:1-3)

"'The law and the prophets,' namely the Old Testament, contain various kinds of teaching. The relation of Jesus Christ to these differs, but the word 'fulfillment' covers them all." (John Stott)

"The Old Testament is the Gospel in the bud, the New Testament is the Gospel in full flower." (J. C. Ryle)





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].)

At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheaths his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed: paschal victim, paschal bread. With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie; Death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light. Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise; Holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit ever be. Jesus Lives And So Shall I

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Tenor shall death, thy sting Je-sus lives, and so ١. is les-sus lives, and reigns su - preme; and. His king-dom die, He who deigned for me to gone for – ev er. re-main - ing. be with Him, still L shall al so 7 lives. the bands of death sev - er. He shall raise me to liv ina er reign-ing. God has prom-ised ev er ev -10 from the dust: le-sus is my hope and trust!___ He lives! He be it must. Je-sus is my hope and trust!___ 15 lives! lives!___ He lives! He lives! and so shall 21 le – sus 11

Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving, I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living. Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus)

Jesus lives, I know full well, naught from him my heart can sever, life nor death, nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever. None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus)

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory. Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee; thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus x2)

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.

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.)

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (today) we participate together in some compassion and relief ministries to help each other and our neighbors in the community...

- ALMS 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.)
- FOOD PANTRY The elementary school in the church's neighborhood, W. L. Henry, is an Oregon Food Bank site that serves about 50 families who rely on help like this. <u>Please bring dry</u> <u>beans to donate – let's try to collect 100 items in total!</u>

After Worship Today: Congregational Conversation • 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 today.)

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).

Men's Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Feb. 12 at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). Please bring something to share for our meal together, and feel free to invite a friend. RSVP to Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

Baby Shower • After Worship on Sun., Feb. 20.

Summer Campout • Fri. - Sun., July 29-31, at South Beach State Park (near Newport). To register, contact Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com).

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