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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 66:8-9**

Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept our soul among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.

# O Worship The King

Text: Robert Grant (Psalm 104) • Music: Johann Michael Haydn • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "O wor-ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O". The second staff starts with a measure rest of 5 measures, then continues: "O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose". The third staff starts with a measure rest of 9 measures, then continues: "grate-ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love; our robe is the light, whose can - o - py space. His". The fourth staff starts with a measure rest of 13 measures, then continues: "shield and De - fend - er the An - cient of Days, pa - char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, and vil - ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise. dark is his path on the wings - of the storm."

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The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 John 2:1**

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Creator God, you have given us everything we have, including our very selves. Yet we have refused to receive what we have as gifts, because we have rejected you as the Giver. We have been ungrateful. We have boasted as if we were self-made and self-sufficient. We have hoarded our wealth, not believing in your future generosity. We have gratified ourselves and consumed as much as we can without sharing. We have withheld ourselves from you and others, because we do not delight in giving like you do. But you live forever as Giver, Gift, and Given, and you have even given yourself to us. In your mercy, forgive us. In your grace, fill us with your Gift-life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 John 2:2**

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Psalm 50:14**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and perform your vows to the Most High.

## **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 • Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray, and to offer our petitions to you in His name.

*Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

God of all generations, you formed your church from the despised of the earth and showed them mercy that they might proclaim salvation to all.

*Strengthen those you have chosen that they may faithfully endure all trials by which you conform your church to the cross of Christ through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

God of comfort, you bear the pain of the world and stand with those who sorrow.

*Look with compassion on those who are troubled, cheer them by your word, and bring them healing as a sign of your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Mighty God, whose word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose on earth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

# Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

1. Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, strength I find to  
2. Ev - ery day the Lord him - self is near me with a spe - cial  
3. Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion so to trust your

meet my tri - als here; trust - ing in my Fa - ther's wise be - stow - ment,  
mer - cy for each hour; all my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,  
prom - is - es, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet con - so - la - tion

I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear. He whose heart is kind be -  
he whose name is Coun - sel - or and Pow'r. The pro - tec - tion of his  
of - fered me with - in your ho - ly Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and

yond all mea - sure gives un - to each day what he deems best— lov - ing -  
child and trea - sure is a charge that on him - self he laid; "As your  
trou - ble meet - ing, e'er to take, as from a fa - ther's hand, one by

ly, its part of pain and plea - sure, min - gling toil with peace and rest.  
days, your strength shall be in mea - sure," this the pledge to me he made.  
one, the days, the mo - ments fleet - ing, till I reach the prom - ised land.

# Glorify Your Name

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Tenor

8 Fa - ther we love you we wor - ship and a - dore you,  
5 glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth, glo -  
9 ri - fy your name, glo - ri - fy  
14 your name, glo - ri - fy your name  
19 in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth.  
Glorify your name, glorify your name,  
glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,  
glorify your name in all the earth.  
Glorify your name, glorify your name,  
glorify your name in all the earth.

## **GOSPEL READING • Matthew 5:21-26**

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’<sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.<sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,<sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.<sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.<sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## **SERMON • “Anger and Reconciliation” (Rev. Eric Costa)**

“You shall not murder.” (The Sixth Commandment, Exodus 20:13)

“The duties required in the sixth commandment are all careful studies, and lawful endeavors, to preserve the life of ourselves and others by resisting all thoughts and purposes, subduing all passions, and avoiding all occasions, temptations, and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any; by just defence thereof against violence, patient bearing of the hand of God, quietness of mind, cheerfulness of spirit; a sober use of meat, drink, physic, sleep, labour, and recreations; by charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, kindness; peaceable, mild and courteous speeches and behaviour; forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiting good for evil; comforting and succouring the distressed and protecting and defending the innocent.

“The sins forbidden in the sixth commandment are, all taking away the life of ourselves, or of others, except in case of public justice, lawful war, or necessary defence; the neglecting or withdrawing the lawful and necessary means of preservation of life; sinful anger, hatred, envy, desire of revenge; all excessive passions, distracting cares; immoderate use of meat, drink, labor, and recreations; provoking words, oppression, quarreling, striking, wounding, and whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any.” (Westminster Larger Catechism, 135-136)

“You shall accept no ransom for the life of a murderer, who is guilty of death, but he shall be put to death.” (Numbers 35:31)

“What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder.” (James 4:1-2)

“We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.” (1 John 3:14-15)

“The offender against the life of his fellows in the primitive sense is to be found in a preliminary form in all men, even though it does not usually result in the crime itself. In most of us the murderer is suppressed and chained, possibly by the command of God, or possibly by no more than circumstances, convention, or the fear of punishment. Yet he is very much alive in his cage, and ready to leap out at any time. There exists in man a very deep-seated and almost original evil readiness and lust to kill. The common murderer or homicide is simply the one in whom the wolf slips the chain.” (Karl Barth)



First go  
and be  
reconciled  
to them...

...then come  
and  
offer your gift.

Matthew 5:24

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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† 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.”

# Jesus Paid It All

1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small;  
 2. For noth - ing good have I Where - by Thy grace to claim;  
 3. And now com - plete in Him, My robe, His right - eous - ness,  
 4. Lord, now in - deed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine a - lone,  
 5. When from my dy - ing bed My ran - somed soul shall rise,  
 6. And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete,

Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."  
 I'll wash my gar - ments white In the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.  
 Close shel - tered 'neath His side, I am di - vine - ly blest.  
 Can change the lep - er's spots, And melt the heart of stone.  
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," Shall rend the vault - ed skies.  
 I'll lay my tro - phies down, All round at Je - sus' feet.

*Refrain*

Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

# May Jesus Christ Be Praised

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Tenor

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Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;  
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this, while life is mine, my love, my song divine:  
*May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!*  
*My God, the Savior, reigns! May Jesus Christ be praised!*

## BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts  
to the love of God  
and to the steadfastness of Christ.

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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)).

**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](mailto:neh.hamilton@gmail.com)).

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