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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 68:4**

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;  
his name is the LORD;  
exult before him!

# All Glory, Laud And Honor

Text: Theodulph of Orleans (ca. 820) • Music: Melchior Teschner • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to thee Re - deem - er King, to whom the lips of child - ren made sweet ho - san - nas ring! Thou art the King of Is - rael thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!"

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The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.  
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.  
All glory, laud and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 John 4:10**

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*My Lord and my God, fearing you is the foundation of wisdom. I have been a fool to fear anything or anyone else. You have told me not to be afraid, unless it is the fear of you. I have neglected this comfort, ignored your command, and disregarded your majestic splendor. Essentially, I have demanded your crucifixion with my own mouth, and nailed you to the cross with my own hands—just to be able to fear anything but you. “But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” Teach me your great works and grant to me your Spirit of wisdom, so that I may know how to live with you, free of all worldly fears, to the glory of your holy and awesome name. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 John 4:15**

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Psalm 96:8**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

## **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 • Malachi 2:13b-16**

You cover the LORD'S altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. <sup>14</sup> But you say, "Why does he not?" Because the LORD was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. <sup>15</sup> Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. <sup>16</sup> "For the man who does not love his wife but divorces her, says the LORD, the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."

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...

(Elder prays)

And now as our Savior taught us, we 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.*

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Music: William M. Runyan • Lyric: Thomas O. Chisolm • ©1923/1951 Hope Publishing Co.

Tenor

Great is thy faith-fulness, O God my Father; there is no  
shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev-er wilt  
be. Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!  
Morn-ing by morn-ing new mercies I see: all I have  
need-ed thy hand hath pro - vid-ed, Great is thy faith-ful-ness,  
Lord, un - - - to me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten-thousand beside!  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

# 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.

## GOSPEL READING • Matthew 5:27-32

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’<sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.<sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.<sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

<sup>31</sup> “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’<sup>32</sup> But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • “Adultery and Faithfulness” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“You shall not commit adultery.” (The Seventh Commandment, Exodus 20:14)

“The duties required in the seventh commandment are, chastity in body, mind, affections, words, and behavior; and the preservation of it in ourselves and others; watchfulness over the eyes and all the senses; temperance, keeping of chaste company, modesty in apparel; marriage by those that have not the gift of continency, conjugal love, and cohabitation; diligent labor in our callings; shunning all occasions of uncleanness, and resisting temptations thereunto.

“The sins forbidden in the seventh commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required, are, adultery, fornication, rape, incest, sodomy, and all unnatural lusts; all unclean imaginations, thoughts, purposes, and affections; all corrupt or filthy communications, or listening thereunto; wanton looks, impudent or light behavior, immodest apparel; prohibiting of lawful, and dispensing with unlawful marriages; allowing, tolerating, keeping of stews, and resorting to them; entangling vows of single life, undue delay of marriage, having more wives or husbands than one at the same time; unjust divorce, or desertion; idleness, gluttony, drunkenness, unchaste company; lascivious songs, books, pictures, dancings, stage plays; and all other provocations to, or acts of uncleanness, either in ourselves or others.” (Westminster Larger Catechism 138-139)

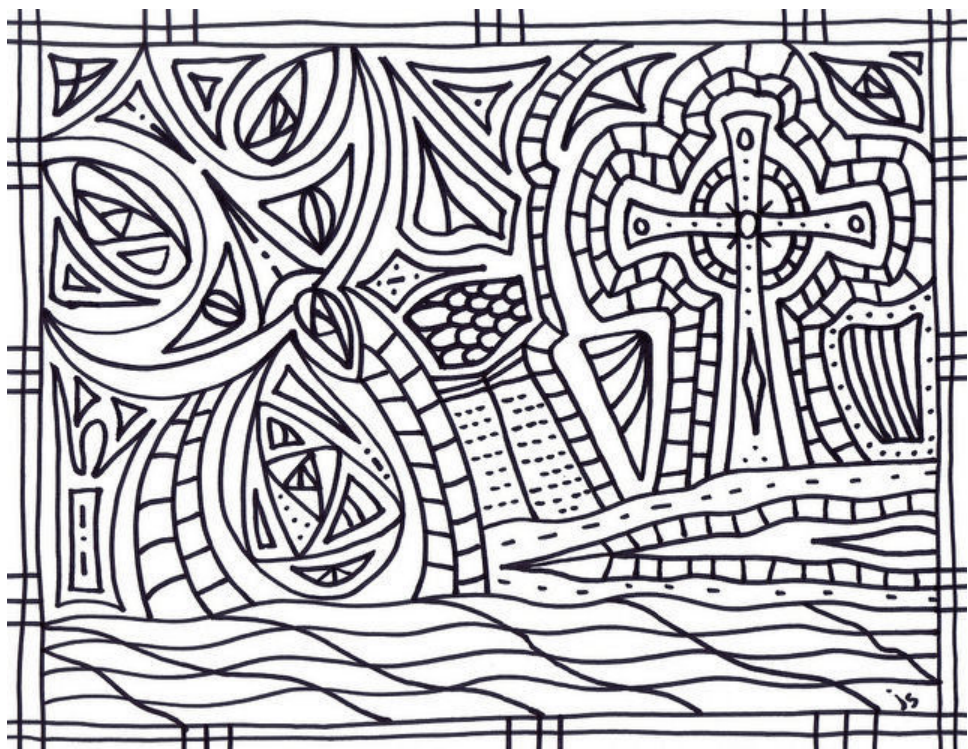
“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. (Ephesians 5:31-33, quoting Genesis 2:24)

“Scripture represents marriage as a reflection of our covenant relationship with God. To violate marriage is to violate that covenant, and unfaithfulness to God is adultery. All sin is unfaithfulness to God, spiritual adultery... Whenever we sin, we can think of it as marital unfaithfulness. And we should think of it that way, better to understand our radical need of forgiveness from our heavenly husband.” (John Frame)

“Lust is impure because it is unbelief... Jesus does not impose intolerable restrictions on his disciples, he does not forbid them to look at anything, but bids them look on him. If they do that he knows that their gaze will always be pure, even when they look upon a woman. So far from imposing on them an intolerable yoke of legalism, he succours them with the grace of the gospel...”

“Even our bodies belong to Christ and have their part in the life of discipleship, for they are members of his Body. Jesus, the Son of God, bore a human body, and since we enjoy fellowship with that Body, infidelity is a sin against Christ’s own Body.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

“I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine.” (Song of Solomon 6:3)







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].)*

# Be Thou My Vision

Text: Unknown, 8th Century • Music: *Slane* (Irish Folk Tune) • Public Domain



Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my  
Be thou my wis - dom and thou my true  
Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my  
Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty  
High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry



heart, naught be all else to me  
word; I ev - er with thee and  
fight; be thou my dig - ni - ty,  
praise; thou mine in - her - i - tance,  
won, may I reach heav - en's joys,



save that thou art, thou my best  
thou with me, Lord; thou my great  
thou my de - light, thou my soul's  
now and al - ways: thou and thou  
O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my



thought by day or by night  
Fa - ther, I thy true son;  
shel - ter, thou my high tow'r;  
on - ly, first in my heart,  
own heart, what - ev - er - be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# Now Thank We All Our God

Text: Martin Rinkart • Music: Felix Mendelssohn • Public Domain

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The score includes various time signature changes: 4/4, 3/4, 4/4, 2/4, and 3/4. The lyrics are as follows:

Now thank we all our God with  
O may this boun - teous God through  
All praise and thanks to God the

heart and hands and voic - es, Who  
Fa - our ther life be near us, With  
The

won - drous things hath done, in whom His world re -  
e - ver joy - ful hearts and bles - sed peace to  
Son, and Him who reigns with them in high - est

joic - es; Who, from our moth - ers'  
cheer us; And keep us in His  
heav - en, The one e - ter - nal

arms, hath blessed us on our way With  
grace, and guide us when per - plexed. And  
God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore; For

count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
free us from all ills in this world and the next  
thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

## BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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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 and Sunday School today (Feb. 20) at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro).

**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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