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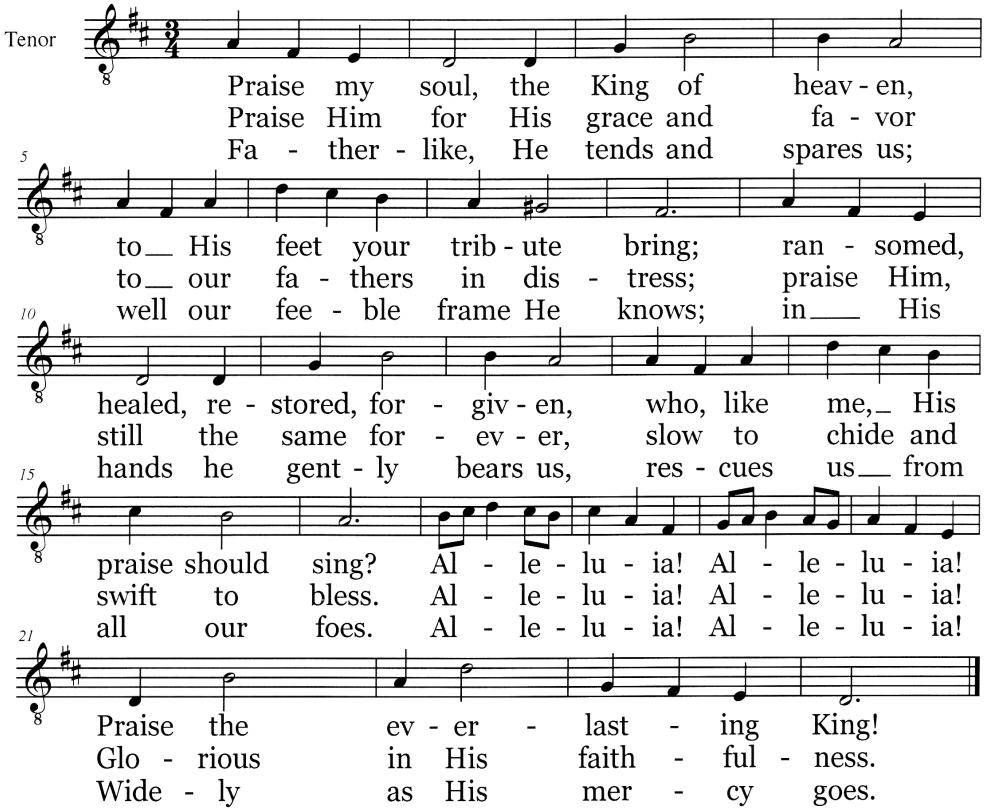
CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven

Text: Henry F. Lyte • Music: Mark Andrews • Public Domain

Tenor



8 Praise my soul, the King of heav-en,
Praise Him for His grace and fa-vor
Fa-ther-like, He tends and spares us;
5 to His feet your trib-ute bring; ran-somed,
to our fa-thers in dis-tress; praise Him,
10 well our fee-ble frame He knows; in His
8 healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, who, like me, His
still the same for-ev-er, slow to chide and
15 hands he gent-ly bears us, res-cues us from
8 praise should sing? Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
21 all our foes. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
8 Praise the ev-er-last-ing King!
Glo-rious in His faith-ful-ness.
Wide-ly as His mer-cy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One!

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Exodus 20:2-3

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

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 • Exodus 34:6-7

The LORD passed before [Moses] and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty."

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Matthew 6:19-21

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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 27

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, Father of all mercies, we, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

And we pray as our Savior taught us, saying:

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.

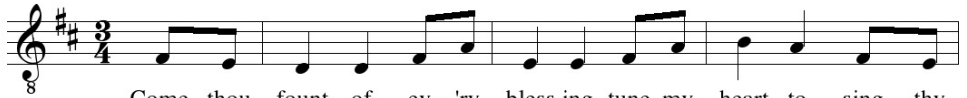
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

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, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

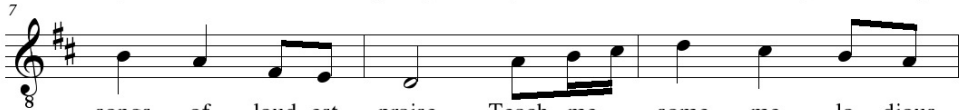
Text: Robert Robinson (1758) • Music: Asahel Nettleton (1825) • Public Domain



Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing tune my heart to sing thy
Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come; and I hope, by thy good pleas - ure, safe - ly
be; Let that grace, now, like a fet - ter, bind my



songs of loud - est praise. Teach me__ some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus__ sought me when a
wand' - ring heart to thee. Prone to__ wand - er - Lord, I



son - net, sung by__ flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the
strang - er, wan - d'ring__ from the fold of God: he, to
feel__ it - prone to__ leave the God I love: Here's my



mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Text: Edward Mote • Music: William Bradbury • Public Domain



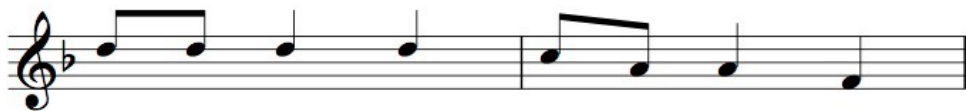
1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un-
3 His oath, his co-ve-nant, his blood, sup-port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



right eous-ness: I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and stor-my gale, my
whelm ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
him be found: dressed in his right eous-ness a-lone, fault-



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the so-lid
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be-fore the throne.



Rock, I stand: all o-ther ground is



sin-king sand; all o-ther ground is sin-king sand.

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 6:5-15

¹ “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven...

⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,
¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “Secret Prayer And Its Reward” (Rev. Eric Costa)

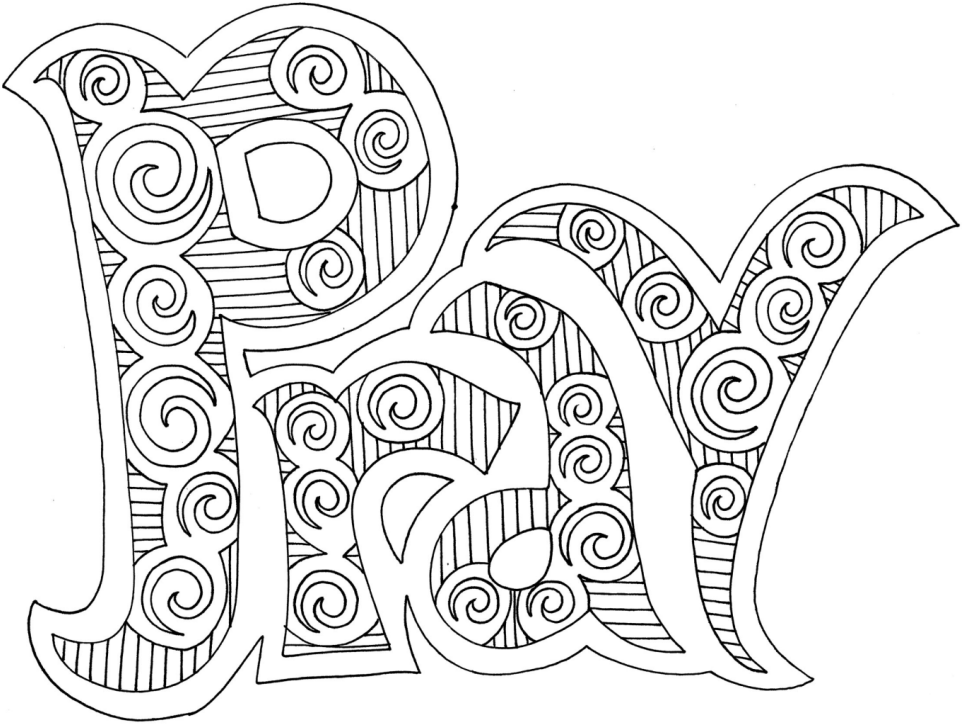
“This is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.” (1 John 5:14)

“Rather than becoming absorbed in the mechanics of secrecy, we need to remember that the purpose of Jesus’ emphasis on ‘secret’ prayer is to purify our motives in praying. As we are to give out of a genuine love for people, so we are to pray out of a genuine love for God. We must never use either of these exercises as a pious cloak for self-love... True prayer is always a preoccupation with God and his glory.” (John Stott)

“If God does not need to be informed of our needs, why does he expect us to tell him about them? Christian spirituality has traditionally found the answer in a concept of prayer not as the communication of information, still less as a technique for getting things from God, but as the expression of the relationship of trust which follows from knowing God has ‘Father.’” (R. T. France)

“The disciples pray only because they are followers of Christ and have fellowship with him. Only those who, like them, adhere to Jesus have access to the Father through him.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

“Do we really want to pray that our debts be forgiven as we have forgiven our debtors? In truth we find it easier to forgive than to be forgiven. We do so because so much of life is spent trying to avoid acknowledging we owe anyone anything. Yet to be a follower of Jesus, to learn to pray this prayer, means that we must first learn that we are the forgiven. To learn to be forgiven is no easy lesson, desiring as we do to be our own master—if not creator. But to be a disciple of Jesus demands that we recognize that our life is a gift that requires, if we are to live in a manner appropriate to our being a creature, our willingness to accept forgiveness with joy... The willingness to be forgiven, which may require that I have my ‘enemy’ tell me who I am, is the only way that reconciliation can begin.” (Stanley Hauerwas)





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].)

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Text & Music: Stuart Townend • ©1995 Thankyou Music

How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
Be - hold the man up - on the cross, my
I will not boast in an - y thing, no
vast be - yond all mea - sure, that
sin up - on His should - ers; a -
5 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but
He should give His on - ly Son to
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
7 I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His
make a wretch His trea - sure. How
out a - mong the scof - fers. It
10 death and res - ur - rect - ion. Why
great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac -
13 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an
face a - way as wounds which mar the
com - plished. His dy - ing breath has
15 an - swer, but this I know with
cho - sen one bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
brought me life, I know that it is fin - ished.
all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Robert Williams • Public Domain

Tenor

8 Hail the day that sees Him rise! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 There for Him high tri - umph waits;

8 To His throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
9 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates,

8 Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
13 He hath con - quered death and sin,

8 En - ters now the high - est - heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Take the King of glo - ry in!

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are 'Hail the day that sees Him rise! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff starts with a measure rest of 5 measures, then continues with 'There for Him high tri - umph waits;'. The third staff starts with a measure rest of 8 measures, then continues with 'To His throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!'. The fourth staff starts with a measure rest of 9 measures, then continues with 'Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates,'. The fifth staff starts with a measure rest of 8 measures, then continues with 'Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!'. The sixth staff starts with a measure rest of 13 measures, then continues with 'He hath con - quered death and sin,'. The seventh staff starts with a measure rest of 8 measures, then continues with 'En - ters now the high - est - heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!'. The eighth staff continues with 'Take the King of glo - ry in!' and ends with a double bar line.

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his church below! Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION • Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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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.)

After Worship Today • There will be no Sunday School or Sermon Discussion today.

Photo Directory Pictures & Information • If you would like a picture taken for our church’s forthcoming photo directory, see Bill Duncan after Worship sometime in the next few weeks. If you need your contact information included or updated, email Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

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).

Home Group • Sun., Mar. 27, at the home of Tim and Sara Sery. Join us after Worship and Sunday School for lunch and conversation about Dane Ortlund’s book, *Deeper: Real Change for Real Sinners*. We’ll discuss the introduction and chapter one. (This home group will meet on the last Sunday of the month in various locations.)

Good Friday Service • 7pm Fri., Apr. 15.

Easter Breakfast • 8:30am Sun., Apr. 17. To sign up to bring part of the meal and/or to help with setup, contact Jerilee (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

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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Name(s)

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- I am a visitor.
- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
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