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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

# All Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Text: Johann Schultz • Music: *Mit Freuden Zart*, arr. Ascension Presbyterian Church

8 All praise to God who reigns a - bove the  
What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his  
I cried to him in time of need: Lord  
The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his  
Ye who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to  
Then come be - fore His pre - sence now and

3  
8 God of all cre - a - tion the God of won - ders  
grac - ious mer - cy keep - eth. By morn - ing glow or  
God, O hear my call - ing! For death he gave me  
chos - en gen - er - a - tion; He is their re - fuge  
God give praise and glo - ry! Ye who the Fath - er's  
ba - nish fear and sad - ness; To your Re - deem - er

6  
8 powr and love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With  
eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth; With -  
life in - deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For  
and their rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As  
pow'r pro - claim, to God give praise and glo - ry! All  
pay your vow and sing with joy and glad - ness: Though

9  
8 heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - ery  
in the king - dom of his might, Lo! all is just and  
this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our  
with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his  
i - dols un - der foot be trod, the Lord is God! The  
great dis - tress my soul be - fell, the Lord, my God, did

12  
8 sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
all is right, To God all praise and glo - ry!  
God with me, To God all praise and glo - ry!  
cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!  
Lord is God! To God all praise and glo - ry!  
all things well, To God all praise and glo - ry!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 1:18**

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.”

## **CONFESSION OF SIN • From Psalm 38**

*O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath!  
There is no health in my bones because of my sin.  
For my iniquities have gone over my head;  
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.  
My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness.  
For you, O Lord, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.  
I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me.  
I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.  
Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me!  
Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 51:11**

The ransomed of the LORD shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 8:7-9**

As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

## **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 1

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...

Our Father in heaven, you forgive because you are holy.

You gave your Son up to the shame and death of the cross to atone for our sins.

*Thank you, Jesus, for the sacrifice you made on our behalf.*

*Thank you for reconciling us to God,*

*and for giving us the privilege of relating to you in the ministry of reconciliation.*

You have said that the one who is forgiven much loves much.

*We do not deserve your love, yet you give it to us freely.*

*Your grace is glorious.*

*We praise you for taking our sins upon yourself,*

*and for clothing us in your own righteousness.*

*We love you for forgiving all our debts.*

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may forgive one another  
with the same holy and forgiving love we have received from you.

*We adore you and long to imitate you.*

*We want our life together in the church*

*to be filled with your glorious mercy and grace.*

*Make us new and radiant in your image.*

*Others have sinned against you in the wrong they have done to us—  
make it our divine joy to forgive them, even though it hurts.*

*Help us to pursue true reconciliation and peace in the fellowship of the Spirit.*

*Strengthen us to proclaim the good news of your forgiveness*

*to the ends of the earth, for the glory of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

# Only In God (Psalm 62)

Text & Music: John Michael Talbot • © 1980 Birdwing Music / BMI Songs

C G/B Am G F G

1. On ly in God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal -  
2. On - ly in God is found safe - - ty when my en - e - my pur -

C G/B Am G

- va - tion He on - ly is my rock, my  
- sues me On - ly in God is found glo - - ry, when

F G C F

strength, and my sal - va - tion My strong - hold, my  
I am found meek and found low - ly.

Am F G Am F

sav - ior, I shall not be a - fraid at all, my strong - hold,

Am F G C C

my sav - ior, I shall not be moved. 3. On - ly in

G/B Am G F G C

God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal - va - tion.

# Be Still, My Soul

Text: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752 • Music: *Finlandia*, arr. Jean Sibelius • Public Domain

Tenor

8 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your  
4 Be still, my soul: your God will un-der  
8 Be still, my soul: when dear-est friends de-  
8 side; \_\_\_\_\_ bear pa-tient-ly the  
4 take \_\_\_\_\_ to guide the- fu-  
7 part, \_\_\_\_\_ and all is dark- ened  
8 cross of grief or pain; \_\_\_\_\_ leave to your  
10 as he has the of past, \_\_\_\_\_ Your hope, your  
8 in the vale of tears, \_\_\_\_\_ then shall you  
8 God to or- der and pro- vide; \_\_\_\_\_  
13 con- fi- dence let noth- ing shake; \_\_\_\_\_  
8 bet- ter know his love, his heart, \_\_\_\_\_  
8 \_\_\_\_\_ in ev- 'ry change he faith- ful will re-  
16 \_\_\_\_\_ all now mys- te- rious shall be bright at  
8 \_\_\_\_\_ who come to soothe your sor- row and your  
8 main. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul: your  
19 last. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul: the  
8 fears. \_\_\_\_\_ Be still, my soul: your  
8 best, your heav'n- ly Friend \_\_\_\_\_ through thorn- y  
22 waves and winds still know \_\_\_\_\_ his voice who  
8 Je- sus can re- pay \_\_\_\_\_ from his own  
8 ways \_\_\_\_\_ leads to a joy- ful end.  
8 ruled \_\_\_\_\_ them while he dwelt be- low.  
8 full- ness all he takes a- way.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## **GOSPEL READING • Matthew 7:13-20**

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

<sup>15</sup> “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## **SERMON • “The Narrow Gate and False Prophets” (Rev. Eric Costa)**

“Jesus said, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture... My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.’” (John 10:7-9, 27)

“Jesus said, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” (John 14:6)

“I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” (Acts 20:29-32)

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith...

“If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.” (1 Timothy 1:5; 6:3-5)

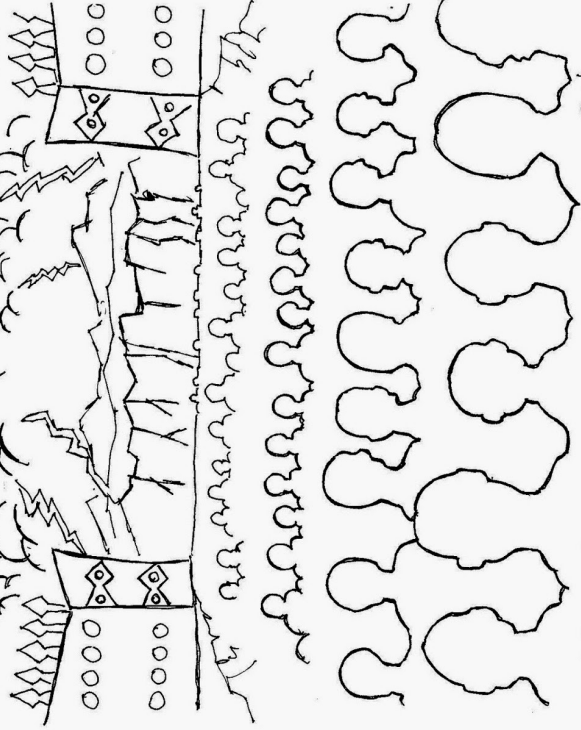
“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.” (1 John 4:1-6)

“Sound doctrine and holy living are the marks of true prophets.” (J. C. Ryle)

ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW  
GATE. FOR WIDE IS THE  
GATE AND BROAD IS THE

ROAD THAT LEADS TO  
DESTRUCTION, AND MANY

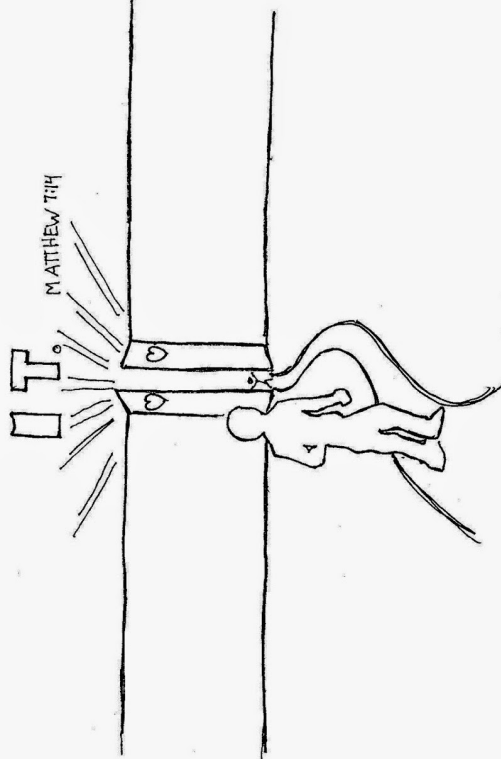
ENTER THROUGH IT. MATTHEW 7:13



BUT SMALL IS THE  
GATE AND NARROW  
THE ROAD THAT  
LEADS TO LIFE, AND  
ONLY A FEW FIND

IT.

MATTHEW 7:14







THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Nicene Creed**

What do you believe?

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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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\* Or, “universal.”

# Be Thou My Vision

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



Be thou my vision, 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

4  
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,

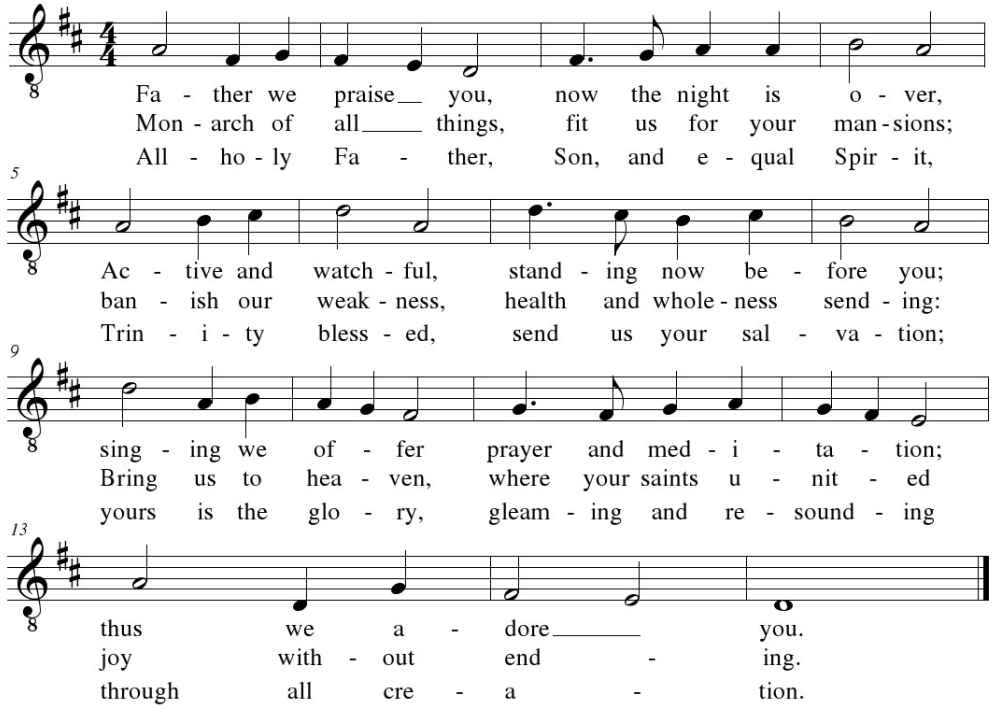
7  
save that thou art, thou my best  
thou with me, Lord; thou my great  
thou my de - light, thou my soul's  
now and al - ways: thou and thou  
O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my

10  
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,

13  
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.

# Father, We Praise You

Text: Gregory I (540-604) • Music: *Christe Sanctorum*, French Church Melody (1681) • Public Domain



8 Fa - ther we praise you, now the night is o - ver,  
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;  
All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,

5 Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you;  
ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing:  
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion;

9 sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i - ta - tion;  
Bring us to hea - ven, where your saints u - nit - ed  
yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re - sound - ing

13 thus we a - dore you.  
joy with - out end - ing.  
through all cre - a - tion.

## BENEDICTION • 2 John 3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us,  
from God the Father  
and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son,  
in truth and love.

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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 meet for Sunday School, and adults are welcome to join the Sermon Discussion in the Fellowship Hall.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jerilee.costa@gmail.com)).

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

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