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THE WORD



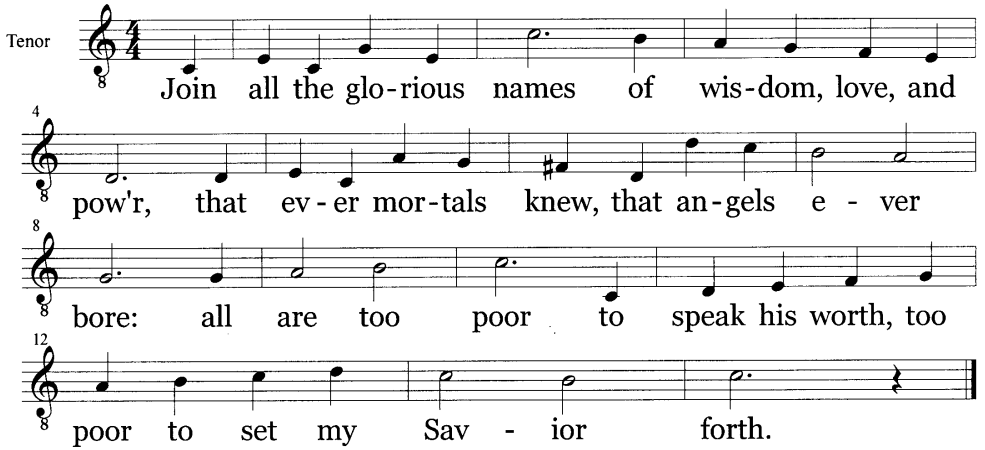
CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 107:1-2

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble.

Join All The Glorious Names

Text: Issac Watts • Music: John Darwall • Public Domain

Tenor



8
Join all the glo-rious names of wis-dom, love, and
4
8
pow'r, that ev-er mor-tals knew, that an-gels e-ver
8
bore: all are too poor to speak his worth, too
12
8
poor to set my Sav-ior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless thy Name,
by thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sin forgiv'n, of hell subdued, and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood, and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:
his pow'rful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counselor, my pattern, and my Guide,
and thou my shepherd art; O keep me near thy side;
nor let my feet e'er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqueror and my King,
thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace I sing:
thine is the power; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob,
and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you; you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like a mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

CONFESSION OF SIN • From Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment... Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 44:23

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;
shout, O depths of the earth;
break forth into singing, O mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
and will be glorified in Israel.

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

OFFERING • Ephesians 4:28; 5:2

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need... Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 • Isaiah 52:13 – 53:5

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, you rule over the nations of the earth in justice and mercy.

Give wisdom to our President and representatives in Congress. Bring peace between the nations of the world. We plead for your mercy on our nation.

Holy Spirit, you are the Lord and giver of life.

Protect and defend Ascension Church and our sister congregations in and around Portland. Spread your gospel in this place. We ask for protection and prosperity for our city.

Jesus, you are full of compassion.

Relieve the suffering of the poor and oppressed in our city. Bring healing and joy to those who are ill or facing imminent death, and to those who care for them.

Our Father, you have set us here to cultivate and develop your creation.

Please give us delight and diligence in our callings. Provide for those seeking work. Make us a blessing to our city through our work.

And teach us to pray as you taught your disciples, 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.

The Lord's My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23 • Music: J. L. Macbeth Bain • Public Domain

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want, He makes me down to
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth
3. Al - though I walk through death's dark vale yet will I fear none
4. My tab - le Thou hast furn - ish - ed in pres - ence of my
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my days shall sure - ly fol - low

Chords: C, F, G, F, C, F, G

lie in past - ures green, He lead - eth me the qui - et wat - ers
make with - in the paths of right - eous - ness e'en for His own name's
ill, for Thou art with me and thy rod and staff me com - fort
foes; my head with oil Thou dost a - noint and my cup ov - er -
me, and in my Fath - er's house al - ways my dwel - ling place shall

Chords: C, Am, C, F, G, C, F, G

by; He lead - eth me, He lead - eth me the qui - et wat - ers by.
sake, with in the paths of right - eous - ness e'en for His own name's sake.
still, Thy rod and staff me com - fort still, me com - fort still.
- flows, my head with oil Thou dost a - noint and my cup ov - er - flows.
be; and with my Fath - er ev - er - more my dwel - ling place shall be.

Chords: C, G, C, G, C, Am, G, C, F, C

The Lord, My Shepherd

Text: Psalm 23 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

The Lord my shep - herd rules my life
The Lord re - vives my fail - ing strength,
Though in a val - ley dark as death,
and gives me all I need; He
He makes my joy com - plete; and
no e - vil makes me fear; Your
leads me by re - fresh - ing streams;
in right paths, for His names sake,
shep - herd's staff pro - tects my way,
in pas - tures green I feed. Your
He guides my fal - te - ring feet. Your
for you are with me there.
good - ness and your gra - cious love pur - sue me all my
days; Your house, O Lord, shall be my home, your
name my end - less praise.

While all my enemies look on, you spread a royal feast;
you fill my cup, anoint my head, and treat me as your guest.

(Chorus)

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 8:1-17

When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ² And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” ³ And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

⁵ When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, ⁶ “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” ⁷ And he said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?”* ⁸ But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹ For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” ¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹ I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹² while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹³ And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

¹⁴ And when Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵ He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. ¹⁶ That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “The Healer” (Rev. Eric Costa)

* This is an alternative translation to the ESV, which says: “I will come and heal him.”



THE UPPER ROOM



VOWS FOR BAPTISM OF COVENANT CHILDREN

Eleanor Grace McGarry

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
- * *Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?*

FRENCH REFORMED BAPTISMAL LITURGY

Little child, for you Jesus Christ has come, he has fought, he has suffered. For you he entered the shadow of Gethsemane and the horror of Calvary. For you he uttered the cry, "It is finished!" For you he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven and there he intercedes—for you, little child, even though you do not know it. But in this way the word of the Gospel becomes true: "We love him, because he first loved us."

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].)

* 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.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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O Love that will not let me go, I
O Light that follow'st all my way, I
O Joy that seek'st me through pain, I
O Cross that lift'st up my head, I



rest my weary soul in thee; I
yield my flick'ring torch to thee; My
can not close my heart to thee; I
dare not ask to fly from thee; I



give thee back the life I owe, That
heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, That
trace the rain-bow through the rain, And
lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, And



in thine ocean depths its flow May
in thy sun-shine's blaze its day May
feel the promise is not vain, That
from the ground there blos-soms red Life



ri-cher, full-er be.
bright-er, fair-er be.
morn shall tear-less be.
that shall end-less be.

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.

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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.)

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (June 5) 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. Please bring dry beans to donate—let’s try to collect 100 items in total!

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).

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).

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

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