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THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 134:1-2**

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!  
Lift up your hands to the holy place  
and bless the LORD!

# Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!\_\_\_ Lord\_\_\_ God Al - migh-ty!\_\_\_  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!\_\_\_ All the saints a - dore Thee,\_\_\_  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!\_\_\_ though the dark - ness hide Thee,\_\_\_  
5 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!\_\_\_ Lord\_\_\_ God Al - migh-ty!\_\_\_



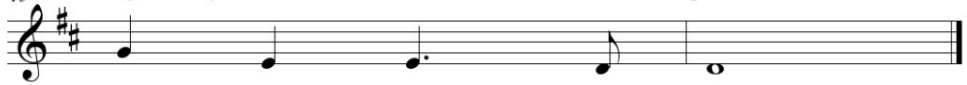
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not  
8 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and



Thee. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!\_\_\_ Mer - ci - ful and  
sea; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be -  
see; On - ly Thou art ho - ly;\_\_\_ there is none be -  
12 sea; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly;\_\_\_ mer - ci - ful and



migh - ty!\_\_\_ God in three per - sons,\_\_\_  
fore Thee,\_\_\_ Who wert, and art, and\_\_\_  
side Thee,\_\_\_ Per - fect in pow'r, in\_\_\_  
15 migh - ty!\_\_\_ God in Three per - sons,\_\_\_



bles - ed Trin - i - ty!  
ev - er - more shalt be.  
love, and pur - i - ty.  
bles - ed Trin - i - ty!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Jeremiah 2:12-13**

“Be appalled, O heavens, at this;  
be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD,  
for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living waters,  
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,  
broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Father, Son, and Spirit—our Triune God—you are the only true and living God. We know that you alone are good, yet we still turn to false gods for strength, for pleasure, for comfort, for life. But this is death. We confess that we have sinned, both in the evil we have done, and in the good we have done in order to avoid you. We do not know all the ways our hearts are far from you; we have deceived ourselves. We cannot even confess every sin, or know all our false gods, to turn away from them to you. We are utterly at your mercy. O Lord Jesus, be gracious to us. O Father, assure us of your love that makes all things new. O Holy Spirit, dwell in us and have your way with us. We pray in Christ our Savior. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Jeremiah 3:22a**

“Return, O faithless sons;  
I will heal your faithlessness.”

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Exodus 35:4-5, 21**

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “This is the thing that the LORD has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to the LORD. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD’s contribution...” And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD’s contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service.

## **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 • Habakkuk 3:17-18

- 17 Though the fig tree should not blossom,  
nor fruit be on the vines,  
the produce of the olive fail  
and the fields yield no food,  
the flock be cut off from the fold  
and there be no herd in the stalls,  
18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD;  
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

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...

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at Bethlehem, may your church be a sign of hope and glory.

*Lord, have mercy.*

O Christ, truly risen from the dead, our Alpha and Omega, may the whole world live in peace and justice, according to Your will.

*Lord, have mercy.*

O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in fulfillment of promise, fulfill the needs and desires of those who are sick or sorrowful.

*Lord, have mercy.*

All powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace.

*Teach us to proclaim the good news of your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.*

God, teach us to pray as your Son taught His 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.*

# And Can It Be?

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And can it be that I should gain an  
'Tis mys - tery all: th'Im - mor - tal dies: who  
Long my im - pri - soned spi - rit lay, fast  
5 No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je -  
in - t'rest in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for  
can ex - plore His strange de - sign? In vain the  
bound in sin and na - ture's night, Thine eye dif -  
10 sus and all in Him, is mine; A - live in  
me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to  
first - born ser - aph tries to sound the depths of  
fused a quick - ening ray; I woke the dung - eon  
15 Him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed in right - eous -  
death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can it  
love di - vine, 'Tis mer - cy all! Let earth a -  
flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was  
20 ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach th'e - ter - nal  
be that thou my God, shouldst die for  
dore, let an - gel minds in - quire no  
free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed  
24 throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my  
me? A - maz - ing love! How can it be that  
more.  
Thee.  
own.  
29 thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

# Peace, Perfect Peace

Text: Edward H. Bickersteth (1875) • Music: Matthew H. Curl (2008) • Used by Permission

Tenor



8  
Peace, per-fect peace, in this dark world of  
4  
Peace, per-fect peace, with sor-rows surg-ing  
8  
sin, the blood of Je-sus whis-pers peace with -  
8  
round, on Je-sus' bo-som naught but calm is  
8  
in. Peace, perfect peace, by throng-ing du-ties  
12  
found. Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far a -  
8  
pressed, to do the will of Je-sus, this is rest. \_\_\_\_\_  
17  
way, in-Je-sus' keep-ing we are safe and they. \_\_\_\_\_  
8  
It is e-nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when  
21  
Je-sus calls us to heaven's per-fect peace. It is e-  
26  
nough: earth's strug-gles soon shall cease, when Je-sus calls us  
30  
home to a per-fect peace.

Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown,  
Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.  
Peace, perfect peace, death shadows us and ours,  
Jesus has vanquished death and all its pow'rs.  
*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
when Jesus calls us to heaven's perfect peace.*  
*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
when Jesus calls us home to a perfect peace.*

## GOSPEL READING • Matthew 8:28-34

And when he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. <sup>29</sup> And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" <sup>30</sup> Now a herd of many pigs was feeding at some distance from them. <sup>31</sup> And the demons begged him, saying, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of pigs." <sup>32</sup> And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the pigs, and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the waters. <sup>33</sup> The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, especially what had happened to the demon-possessed men. <sup>34</sup> And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their region.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • "A Matter of Life and Death" (Rev. Eric Costa)

"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..."

— Deuteronomy 30:19

"Jesus' power encounters—with hunger, sickness, death, and demonic suffering—are enacted parables. They gave an experience of heaven so that people might repent of their sins and believe in the Savior."

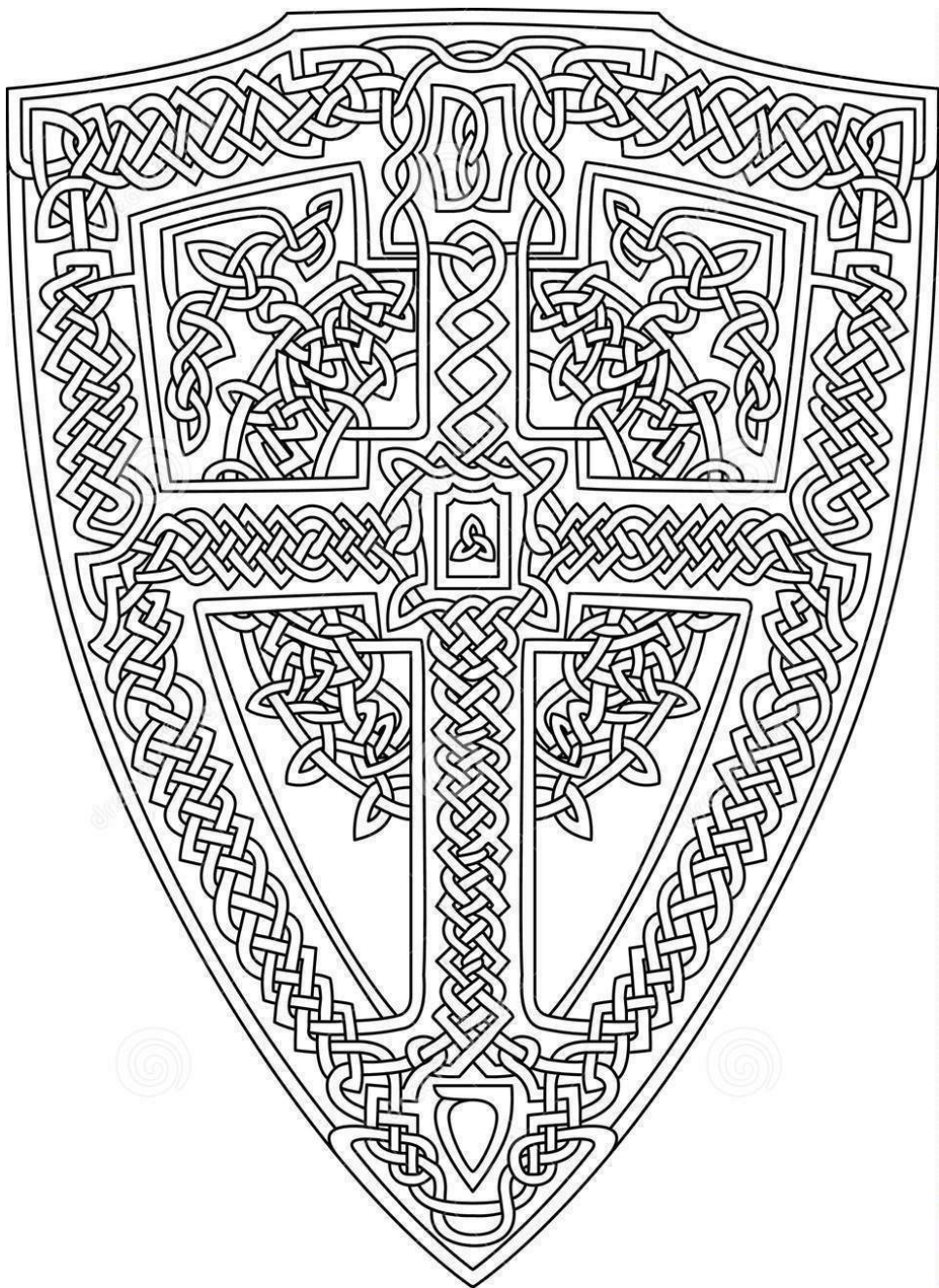
— David Powlison

"If we have to choose between a life we know, even a life possessed by demons and ruled by death, and a life of uncertainty to which Jesus calls us, a life that may well expose us to dangers in Jesus' name, we too may ask Jesus to leave our neighborhood."

— Stanley Hauerwas

*We would rather be ruined than changed,  
We would rather die in our dread  
Than climb the cross of the moment  
And let our illusions die.*

— W. H. Auden, "The Age of Anxiety"







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].)*

## Before The Throne Of God Above

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft • Music: Vikki Cook • ©1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "Be-fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per-fect plea A great High Priest whose name is love Who ev-er lives and pleads for me My name is gra-ven on His hands My name is writ - ten on His heart I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part No tongue can bid me thence de - part". The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, 11, 14, and 17.

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part No tongue can bid me thence de - part

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look to see him there, who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood,  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

# On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Text: Samuel Stennett • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1997 Christopher Miner

Tenor

8 On Jor-dan's stor-my banks I stand, and cast a wish-ful  
4 eye; To Can-aan's fair and hap-py land, where my posse-sions  
8 lie. O'er all those wide ex-ten-ded plains, shines  
11 chil-ling winds or poi-son breath, can  
8 one et-er-nal day; There God the Son\_ for-  
14 reach that health-ful shore; Where sick-ness, sor-row,  
8 ev-er reigns, and scat-ters night a-way. I am bound, I am  
18 pain and death, are felt and feared no more.  
8 bound, I am bound for the prom-ised land!\_ I am bound, I am  
22 bound, I am bound for the prom-ised land!\_ No

When I shall reach that happy place, I'll be forever blessed;  
for I shall see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest.

*(Chorus)*

Filled with delight my raptured soul would here no longer stay;  
though Jordan's waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away.

*(Chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • Galatians 1:3-5

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age,  
according to the will of our God and Father,  
to whom be the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.

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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).)

**Home Group** • Today (July 10) after Worship, at the home of Rob and Jo Stevenson (5037 NE Stable Court, Hillsboro). We’ll plan to enjoy a potluck lunch together, then we’ll discuss chapters 5 and 6 of Dane Ortlund’s book, *Deeper*.

**Men’s Study** • 6:30am Tuesdays at the Starbucks at the Sunset Esplanade (2521 SE TV Highway). This group is discussing *The Drama of Scripture*, by C. Bartholomew and M. Goheen.

**Women’s Study** • 7pm Wednesdays. This group is discussing Paul’s Letter to the Philippians. 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)).

**Men’s Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Oct. 7-9, in Lincoln City. The cost will be \$75 per person. To register, and to help arrange a meal, coordinate with Brian Aznoe ([baznoe@gmail.com](mailto:baznoe@gmail.com)).

**Women’s Retreat** • Fri. - Sun., Nov. 4-6, in Lincoln City. The cost will be \$75 per person. To register, and to help arrange a meal, coordinate with Cheryl Boden ([wu.gardens@gmail.com](mailto:wu.gardens@gmail.com)).

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