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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 148:11-13

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

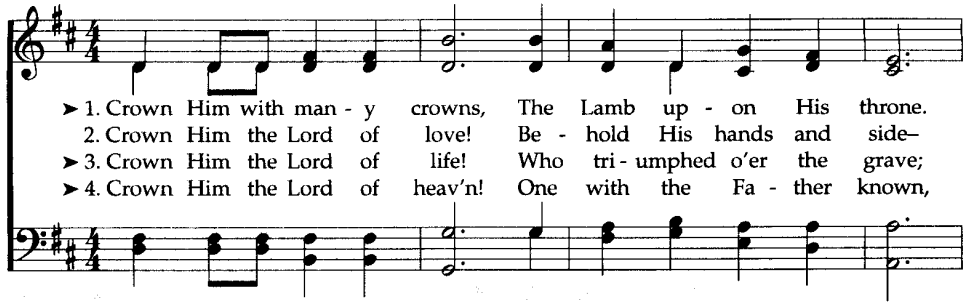
Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

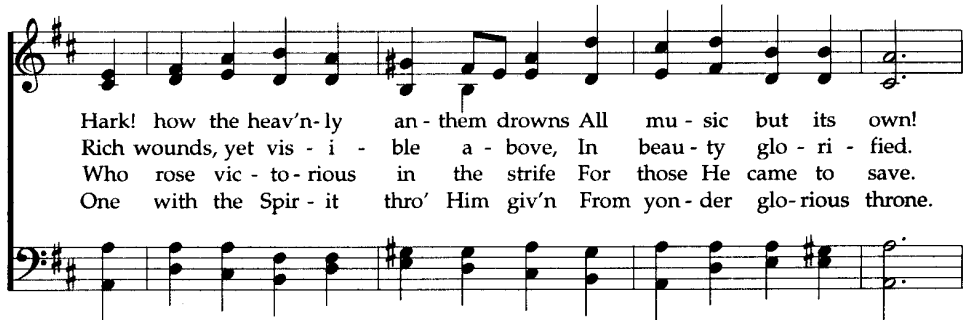
Crown Him With Many Crowns

Text: Matthew Bridges • Music: *Diademata*, George Elvey

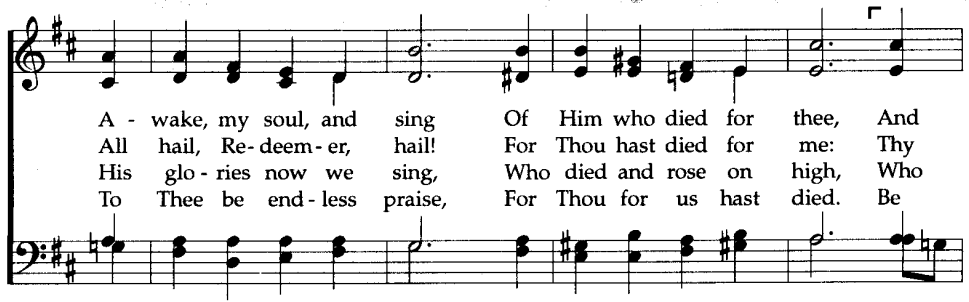
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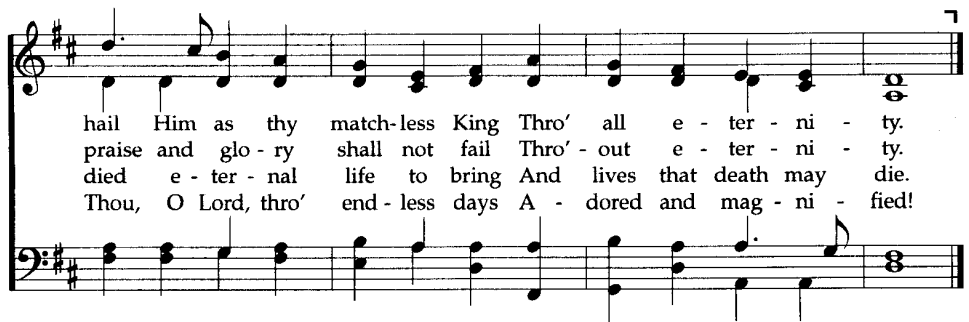
▶ 1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne.
▶ 2. Crown Him the Lord of love! Be - hold His hands and side-
▶ 3. Crown Him the Lord of life! Who tri - umphed o'er the grave;
▶ 4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Fa - ther known,



Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
Who rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
One with the Spir - it thro' Him giv'n From yon - der glo - rious throne.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me: Thy
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
To Thee be end - less praise, For Thou for us hast died. Be



hail Him as thy match-less King Thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
praise and glo - ry shall not fail Thro' - out e - ter - ni - ty.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Thou, O Lord, thro' end - less days A - dored and mag - ni - fied!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Trinity, God of love, our Creator and Redeemer; we are living paradoxes. Even though you made us in your image, we distort the reflection of your glory in our self-love. Even though you grant us every good gift—including the gift of our very selves—we refuse to accept your generosity in our demand to be self-made. In our sin we have violated your reality, and yet we have convinced ourselves that we have done no such thing. In reaching out to seize life apart from you, we have lost everything. But our betrayal could not stop your love. You came into the world in the person of your Son to seek and to save the lost. Save us from ourselves, and help us to find ourselves in the Beloved, forgiven and accepted. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Micah 7:19

He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

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 • The Song of Solomon 5:10-16

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...

Lord, you built your church and promised to dwell with her forever.

Bless all who guard and feed your sheep, those who shepherd souls, those who care for the poor, those who minister praise, as well as those who teach your Word, that, as you are lifted up, men and women will be drawn to you.

Lord, likewise, you rule over all the nations of the earth.

We pray for peace in every corner of the world: where there is war, where there is persecution, where there is starvation, where there is sickness, as well as every nation where there is suffering, that you will be glorified among the nations.

Lord, out of the depths of eternity you moved in history in the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In him was life and the life was our light. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Cause that light to shine ever brighter in us and through us.

We pray as you taught us:

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.

For All The Saints

Text: William H. How • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor

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For all the saints who from this
Thou wast their rock, their for- tress

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la - bor's rest to thee by - faith be-fore the
and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the

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world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for -
well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their

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e - ver blessed, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu.
one true light, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a Tenor part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics for the first staff are 'For all the saints who from this' and 'Thou wast their rock, their for- tress'. The second staff continues with 'la - bor's rest to thee by - faith be-fore the' and 'and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the'. The third staff continues with 'world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for -' and 'well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their'. The fourth staff concludes with 'e - ver blessed, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu.' and 'one true light, al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,
Alleluia, Alelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Text and Music: based on the *Te Deum*, ca. 4th c. • arr. Chip Ueltschey



Ho - ly God, we praise your name;
Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn
Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;
an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
join your sa - cred name to hal - low;
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;



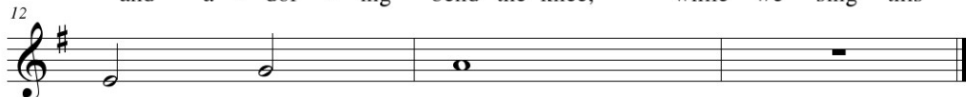
all on earth your scep - ter claim,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
while in es - sence on - ly One,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.
in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing,
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,



In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the
and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this



is your reign.
ho - ly Lord."
song goes on.
mys - ter - y.

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 9:14-17

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. ¹⁶ No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. ¹⁷ Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

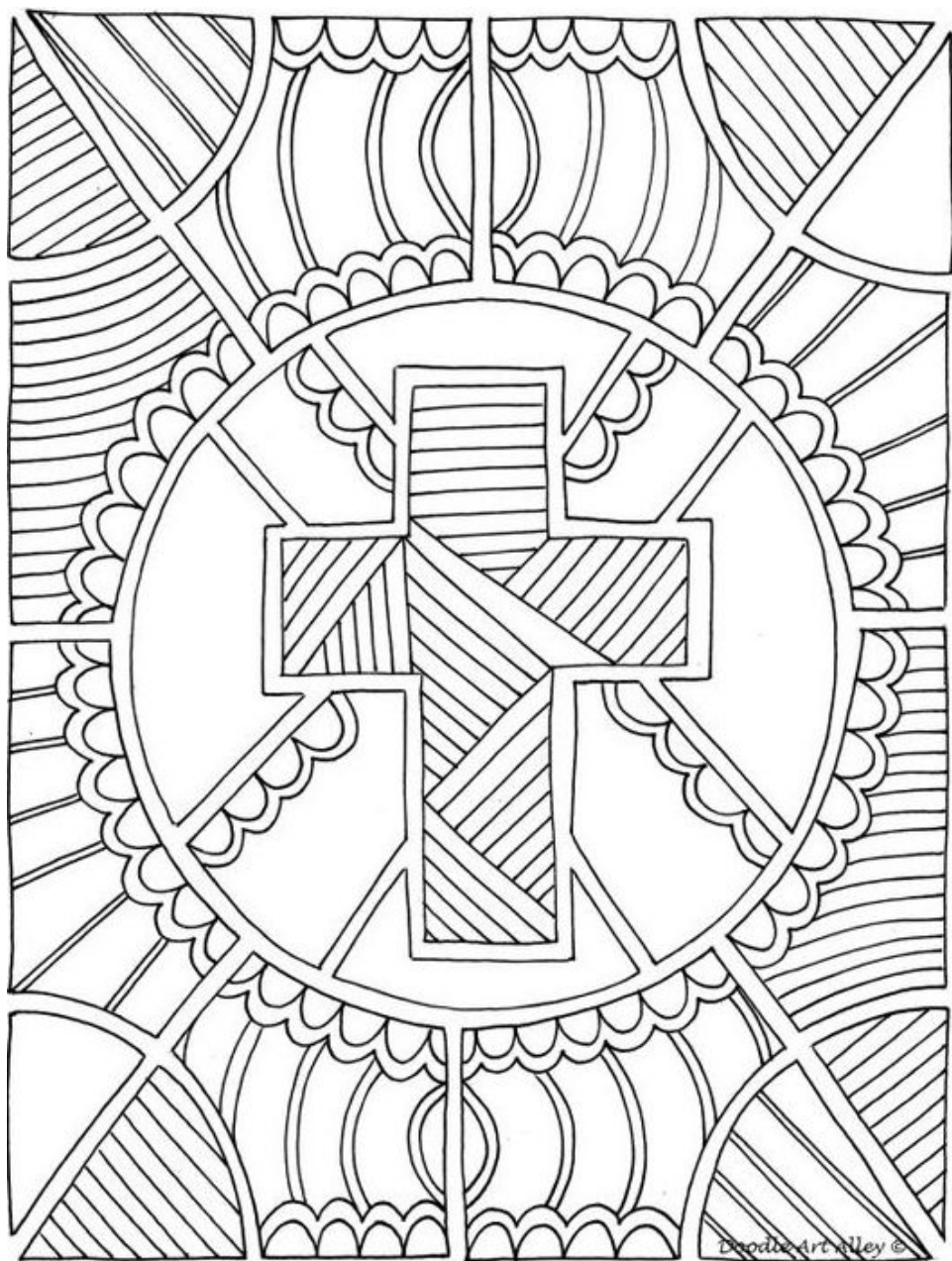
Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "The Bridegroom" (Rev. Eric Costa)

"Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;
for you will forget the shame of your youth,
and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.
For your Maker is your husband,
the LORD of hosts is his name;
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,
the God of the whole earth he is called.
For the LORD has called you
like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,
like a wife of youth when she is cast off,
says your God.
For a brief moment I deserted you,
but with great compassion I will gather you.
In overflowing anger for a moment
I hid my face from you,
but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,"
says the LORD, your Redeemer. (Isaiah 54:4-8)

"As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you." (Isaiah 62:5)

"In that day, declares the LORD, you will call me 'My Husband'... And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD." (Hosea 2:16, 19-20)





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

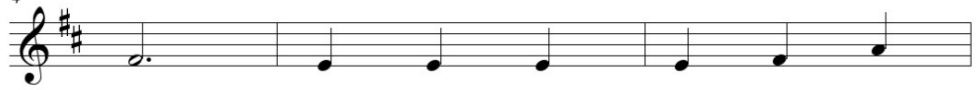
(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God’s grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after 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].)

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.

Rock Of Ages

Text: Augustus M. Toplady • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Rock of A - ges cleft for me, let me hide my -
Not the la - bors of my hands, can ful - fil thy
Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy
4 self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
7 cross I cling; na - ked come to thee for dress;
8 from thy ri - ven side which flowed, be of sin the
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
10 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
8 dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
13 Foun - tain fly; wash me Sav - ior or I die.
8 Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me! Let me
16 hide my - self in thee! Rock of Ag - es, cleft for
19 me! Oh my Je - sus res - cue me!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

(Chorus)

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.)

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (today) 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!

Men’s Study • 6:30am Tuesdays at the Biscuits Cafe on Baseline near 170th. This group is discussing *The Drama of Scripture*, by C. Bartholomew and M. Goheen.

Women’s Study • 7pm Wednesdays. Locations vary - contact Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@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).

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).

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