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**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 149:1-4**

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

# Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

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Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y the King of cre -  
Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
Praise to the Lord, Who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
Praise to the Lord, Who with mar - ve - lous wis - dom hath  
Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul praise Him for  
reign - eth, thee sure - ly His un - der His  
fend made dore; thee; Him! Decked thee with good - ness and  
dore Him! All that hath life and with breath,



He is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!  
mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.  
lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.  
come now with prais - es be - fore Him.



All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw  
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re -  
Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -



near, \_\_\_\_\_ join me in glad a - dor -  
been \_\_\_\_\_ grant - ed in in what He or -  
do, \_\_\_\_\_ if with His love He be -  
lief, \_\_\_\_\_ Spread - ing His wings to o'er  
gain, \_\_\_\_\_ Glad - ly for - ev - er a -



a - - - - tion.  
dain - - - - eth?  
friend thee.  
shade thee!  
dore Him.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Matthew 3:1-2**

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Creator God, you have given us everything we have, including our very selves. Yet we have refused to receive what we have as gifts, because we have rejected you as the Giver. We have been ungrateful. We have boasted as if we were self-made and self-sufficient. We have hoarded our wealth, not believing in your future generosity. We have gratified ourselves and consumed as much as we can without sharing. We have withheld ourselves from you and others, because we do not delight in giving like you do. But you live forever as Giver, Gift, and Given, and you have even given yourself to us. In your mercy, forgive us. In your grace, fill us with your Gift-life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • John 1:29**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Malachi 3:10**

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

## **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.*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING • Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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...

Jesus, remember us when you come in your kingdom,

*Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers.*

For all who carry out your ministries within your church,

*We ask for grace and wisdom.*

For those who don't yet believe the gospel,

*We ask for your faithful love.*

For governors and rulers in every land,

*We ask for your guidance.*

For people who suffer and grieve,

*We ask for your healing peace.*

Holy God, your Son, Jesus Christ has spoken to us the word of reconciliation. We come to you now in the words he 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.*

# He Giveth More Grace

Text: Annie Johnson Flint • Music: Hubert Mitchell

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1. He giv - eth more grace when the bur - dens grow great - er; He send - eth more  
2. When we have ex - haust - ed our store of en - dur - ance, When our strength has

7 strength when the la - bors in - crease. To add - ed af - flic - tion He add - eth His mer - cy; To  
failed ere the day is half done, When we reach the end of our hoard - ed re - sourc - es, Our

14 mul - ti - plied tri - als, His mul - ti - plied peace. His love has no lim - it; His grace has no  
Fath - er's full giv - ing is on - ly be - gun.

21 meas - ure; His pow'r has no boun - da - ry known un - to men. For out of His in - fi - nite

28 rich - es in Je - sus, He giv - eth, and giv - eth, and giv - eth a - gain.

Chords: C, Dm, A7, Dm, F, G, G7, C, Em, C7, F, C, Em, A, A7, Dm, C, G7, C, G, Dm, G, C, F, C, Am, G, G7, C, Em, C7, F, C, A7, Dm, C, G, C

# Only In God (Psalm 62)

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

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 -

7 C G/B Am G F G  
- va - tion He on - ly is my rock, my  
- sues me On - ly in God is found glo - - ry, when

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

19 Am F G Am F  
sav - ior, I shall not be a - fraid at all, my strong - hold,

26 Am F G C C  
my sav - ior, I shall not be moved. 3. On - ly in

34 G/B Am G F G C  
God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal - va - tion.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 107

- 1 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble
- 3 and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- 5 hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He led them by a straight way  
till they reached a city to dwell in.
- 8 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 9 For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
- 10 Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
prisoners in affliction and in irons,  
11 for they had rebelled against the words of God,  
and spurned the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 So he bowed their hearts down with hard labor;  
they fell down, with none to help.
- 13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,  
and burst their bonds apart.
- 15 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze  
and cuts in two the bars of iron.
- 17 Some were fools through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;
- 18 they loathed any kind of food,  
and they drew near to the gates of death.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent out his word and healed them,  
and delivered them from their destruction.
- 21 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

23 Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the great waters;  
24 they saw the deeds of the LORD,  
his wondrous works in the deep.  
25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.  
26 They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;  
their courage melted away in their evil plight;  
27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men  
and were at their wits' end.  
28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.  
29 He made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.  
30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.  
31 Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!  
32 Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.  
33 He turns rivers into a desert,  
springs of water into thirsty ground,  
34 a fruitful land into a salty waste,  
because of the evil of its inhabitants.  
35 He turns a desert into pools of water,  
a parched land into springs of water.  
36 And there he lets the hungry dwell,  
and they establish a city to live in;  
37 they sow fields and plant vineyards  
and get a fruitful yield.  
38 By his blessing they multiply greatly,  
and he does not let their livestock diminish.  
39 When they are diminished and brought low  
through oppression, evil, and sorrow,  
40 he pours contempt on princes  
and makes them wander in trackless wastes;  
41 but he raises up the needy out of affliction  
and makes their families like flocks.  
42 The upright see it and are glad,  
and all wickedness shuts its mouth.  
43 Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things;  
let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON • “Consider the Steadfast Love of the Lord” (Rev. Eric Costa)**





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.”

# In Mercy Broken

Lyric: Reginald Heber • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro -  
5 Look on the heart by sor - row bro -  
8 ken Wine of the  
9 ken Look on the  
8 soul, in mer - cy shed  
13 tears by sin - ners shed  
8 By whom the words of life were spo - ken,  
18 And be thy feast to us the to - ken  
8 And in whose death our sins are  
22 That by thy grace our souls are  
8 dead. Al - le - lu -  
26 fed.  
8 ia! Al - le - lu - - -  
31 ia!

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, along with rests and repeat signs. The lyrics are: 'Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Wine of the soul, in mercy shed tears by sinners shed, By whom the words of life were spoken, And be thy feast to us the token, And in whose death our sins are That by thy grace our souls are dead. Al-le-lu-ia! fed. Al-le-lu-ia!'.

# May Our God Be Known (Psalm 67)

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1. May our God be known for his grace; May the  
2. Let the na - tions sing and be glad for the

3 earth re-joice in his blessing. May our God be known for his  
Lord is coming with jus-tice. Let the na - tions sing and be

6 love, and the smile that shines from his face. May your  
glad for our God is com - ing with peace. Now let

9 way be known on the earth so that all the na - tions will  
all the ends of the earth fill with ho - ly won - der and

12 sing and re-joice in knowing the God of grace!  
joy, for our God is coming to reign as king!

Chords: D, Em7, D/F#, G, D, Em7, D/F#, G, D, Em7, D/F#, G, D, G/D

*(Repeat Song)*

## BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts  
to the love of God  
and to the steadfastness of Christ.

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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).)

**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** • Taking a break for August, resuming in September.

**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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