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THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Praise the LORD!
Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens!
Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

*Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!*

A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing

Text: The Venerable Bede, 673-735 • Music *Giestliche Kirchengesange*, 1623

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Tenor

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A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up -
To whom the an - gels, draw - ing nigh: "Why
"A - gain shall ye be - hold him so As

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hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le -
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le -
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le -
ye to - day have seen him go. Al - le -

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lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In glo - rious pomp as - cend - ing

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trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God. Al - le -
see Je - sus - re - splen - dent maj - es - ty.
say; "This is his glo - rious tri - umph day!"
high, Up to the por - tals of the sky.

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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • John 3:16-17

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we have loved other gods before you and have become their servants. We have not worshiped you in spirit and in truth. We have brought insult upon your reputation. We have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored others as they deserve. We have hated our neighbors. Our desires are all distorted and misplaced. We have taken for ourselves what did not belong to us. We have lied, slandered, and gossiped. We have coveted the good blessings you gave to others. O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have not kept your law. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • John 19:30

Jesus said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Matthew 6:2-4

“When you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

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 • Zephaniah 3:14-20

- 14 Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
- 15 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.
- 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
- 17 The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
- 18 I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.
- 19 Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
- 20 At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the 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...

Father, we pray for your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,
that we all may be one.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Grant that every member of the church may joyfully and humbly serve you,
that your Name would be honored by all people.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who lead and guide your church,
that they may be faithful and diligent servants of you.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,
that there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake,
that we may know the joy of living for you.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble,
that they may be delivered from their distress.

Lord, in your mercy... *Hear our prayer.*

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to pray:

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.

Amazing Grace

Text: John Newton • Music: American Melody • Public Domain

Alto

A - maz - ing grace how sweet the sound that
5 saved a wretch like me! I once was
10 lost but now am found was blind but
14 now I see.

The image shows a musical score for an Alto voice part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff begins with a measure rest and a measure number '5'. The third staff begins with a measure rest and a measure number '10'. The fourth staff begins with a measure rest and a measure number '14'. The music ends with a double bar line.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
he will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

How Firm A Foundation

Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns* (1787) • Music: Trad. American Melody • Public Domain

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'How Firm A Foundation'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 8, 12, and 16. The lyrics are: 'How firm a foundation, you saints of the "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - Lord, is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent mayed; for I am your God, and will still give you word! What more can He say than to you He has aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent fled? hand.'

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design,
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 9:18-26

While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples.

²⁰ And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, ²¹ for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

²³ And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶ And the report of this went through all that district.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "Take Heart, Daughter" (Rev. Eric Costa)

"Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy;
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow." (Jeremiah 31:13)

"To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

'What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

O LORD, be my helper!'

You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

you have loosed my sackcloth

and clothed me with gladness,

that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!" (Psalm 30:8-12)

"How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings." (Psalm 36:7)



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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].)

O Sacred Head

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux • Music: J. S. Bach • Public Domain

Alto

O sa - cred Head now wound - ed with
grief and shame weighed down; now scorn - ful - ly sur -
round - ed with thorns thine on - ly crown; O
sa - cred Head what glo - ry, what bliss till now was
thine! Yet, though de - spised and gor - y I
joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

O make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Robert Williams • Public Domain

Tenor

8 Hail the day that sees Him rise! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 There for Him high tri - umph waits;
8 To His throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
9 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates,
8 Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
13 He hath con - quered death and sin,
8 En - ters now the high - est - heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Take the King of glo - ry in!

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his church below! Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times in every way.
The Lord 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.)

Home Group • Sun., Aug. 28 after Worship. We’ll plan to enjoy a potluck lunch together at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). Then we’ll discuss chapters 6 and 7 of Dane Ortlund’s book, *Deeper: Real Change for Real Sinners*.

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).

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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