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THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Isaiah 12:4-6

Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Come, Thou Almighty King

Text: Anonymous • Music: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796) • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Come, thou Almighty King, Come, thou Incarnate Word, Come, Holy Comforter, To Thee, great One in Three, help us thy name to sing, help us to gird on Thy mighty sword, our prayer attend! Thy sacred witness bear, in this glad hour. E - ter - nal praise. Hence, ever - praise. Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - tend! Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, and give Thy hour. Thou who al - migh - ty art, now rule in more. Thy sov - ereign ma - jest - y may we in to - ri - us, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Word suc - cess, Spi - rit of ho - li - ness on us de - ev' - ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of glo - ry see, and to e - tern - it - y love and a - Days. scend! power! dore!' The score ends with a double bar line.

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Come, Ho - ly com - for - ter,
To Thee, great One - in Three,
help us thy name to sing, help us to
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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Trinity, your love is eternal.

You are love.

There is none like you.

We are not like you.

We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, or strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We sin and fall short of your glory.

In the holiness of your love, forgive us.

Cleanse us, glorify us, fill us with your love.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Luke 24:46-47

"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations."

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Matthew 10:8

"Freely you have received. Freely give."

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 • Psalm 37, various verses

OF DAVID.

- 1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!
- 2 For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.
- 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- 4 Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
- 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.
- 10 In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.
- 11 But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant peace.
- 12 The wicked plots against the righteous
and gnashes his teeth at him,
13 but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he sees that his day is coming.
- 16 Better is the little that the righteous has
than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
but the LORD upholds the righteous.
- 18 The LORD knows the days of the blameless,
and their heritage will remain forever;
19 they are not put to shame in evil times;
in the days of famine they have abundance.
- 20 But the wicked will perish;
the enemies of the LORD are like the glory of the pastures;
they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.
- 21 The wicked borrows but does not pay back,
but the righteous is generous and gives;
22 for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land,
but those cursed by him shall be cut off.
- 23 The steps of a man are established by the LORD,
when he delights in his way;
24 though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,
for the LORD upholds his hand.

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...

(Elder leads in prayer)

And now we join together with the Lord in the prayer he taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

To You, O Lord, I Lift My Eyes

Text: Psalm 123 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8
To You, O Lord, I lift my eyes,
4
O Lord our God, Your mer-cy show,
7
To You en - throned a - bove the skies.
For hu - man pride and scorn we know.
8
As ser - vants
10
Re - proach and
8
watch their mas - ter's hand, Or
13
shame your saints en - dure, From
8
maid - ens by their mis - tress stand,
16
sin - ners who ap - pear se - cure.
8
So to the Lord our eyes we raise,
20
To You O Lord, I lift my eyes,
8
Un - til His mer - cy He dis - plays.
To You en - throned a - bove the skies.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Text: Johann Olearius (1611-1684)

Music: Louis Bourgeois, *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David* (Geneva, 1551) • Public Domain

Tenor

8 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; Tell of peace!" So says our God.

3 Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness Mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.

5 To God's peo - ple now pro - claim That God's par - don waits for them!

7 Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign!

For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 10:5-15

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹ Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹ And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “Proclaiming the Kingdom” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“What is the urge which drives us to proclaim the saving truths of the gospel? It is not just love for our fellow-countrymen or for the heathen in foreign lands: it is the Lord’s commission as he delivered it in his missionary charge.” (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

“Jesus’ command that the disciples travel light... is necessary to manifest that they have nothing to commend other than Jesus himself. To be a follower of Jesus has not made them wealthy, powerful, or secure. They are charged to have nothing at their disposal other than the authority that they have been given by Jesus. As a result nothing is allowed to get in the way of the witness they make to the gospel. They cannot promise that Jesus will make his followers well-off, worry free, successful, or any other worldly good. Rather, the promise is life in the kingdom of God...

“Too often concern for the status of the church tempts some to employ desperate measures to insure that the church will remain socially significant or at least have a majority of the population. But the church is not called to be significant or large. The church is called to be apostolic. Faithfulness, not numbers or status, should be the characteristic that shapes the witness of the church.” (Stanley Hauerwas)



THE UPPER ROOM



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.”

What Wondrous Love Is This

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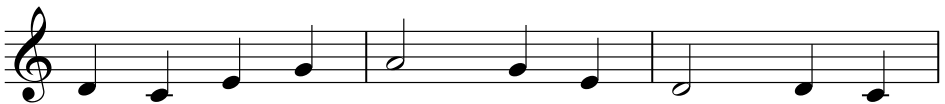
1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my
2 When I was sin-king down, sin-king down, sin-king
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won-drous love is this, O my soul! What
down, when I was sin-king down, sin-king down;— when
sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing!— To
on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!— And



won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to
I was sin-king down be - neath God's right eous frown, Christ
God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be, and



bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
sing, while mil lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

The Lamb Has Overcome

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The Lamb has ov - er - come, the
Lamb has ov - er - come; the bat - tle's done and the
vic-to-ry is won, for the Lamb has ov-er - come! No
grave could hold Him down, no grave could hold Him
down; up from the ground, "He is
ri-sen!" was the sound, no grave could hold Him down.
At God's right hand is He, at
God's right hand is He; our per - fect plea as He
lives to in-ter-cede, at God's right hand is He! Wor-thy
is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry be un - to His
name! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain, glo-ry
be un - to His name!

The table now is spread, the table now is spread;
the wine and bread, broken body and blood shed, the table now is spread.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near;
he shall appear and wipe away each tear, the day is drawing near!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name!

(Repeat Chorus)

BENEDICTION • 2 John 3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us,
from God the Father
and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son,
in truth and love.

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For Those Joining Us On Zoom... Today (Sept. 11) will be the last Sunday we'll broadcast our service over Zoom. We hope you all will be able to join us in person. If you miss a Sunday and would like to keep up with the current sermon series, you can listen online at ascensionpc.org/sermons.

After Worship Today • From 11:40 to 12:15, children will meet for Sunday School, and adults are welcome to join the Sermon Discussion in the Fellowship Hall. (It's not too late for a few more adults to volunteer to help with Sunday School classes in some capacity—talk to Tim or Rob!)

Shepherding Meetings • The elders would like to check in with the members of the church. We like to use these questions to kickstart our conversations: 1) *What are you thankful for?* 2) *Where are you seeing the grace of God at work in your life?* 3) *How can we as elders (or the deacons) serve you?*

We want to make ourselves available for such meetings on a regular basis on the second Sunday of each month for lunch or dinner. To schedule a shepherding meeting with us on one of these Sundays, or during some other time, contact Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

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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