



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP • Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Text & Music: Martin Luther (1529) • Public Domain

Alto

A might - y for - tress is our God, a
bul-wark nev - er fail - ing; our help - er he a -
mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For
still our an - cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his
craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cru - el
hate, on earth is not his e - qual.

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his Name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us:
the Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
his kingdom is forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on you, O Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

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 100

A Psalm for giving thanks.

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness!
 Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD, he is God!
 It is he who made us, and we are his;
 we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
 and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good;
 his steadfast love endures forever,
 and his faithfulness to all generations.

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...

We extol you our God and King. You exist in the mystery of the Trinity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

You live independent of all that you have created. You uphold and govern your creation by your wise and holy providence. Your wisdom is unsearchable, and your thoughts are higher than ours. Your justice is absolute and perfectly fair. There is none like you, the Holy One of Israel.

Yet, as our great God and King, you show mercy and compassion to your creatures.

You dwell with the meek and lowly. Your tender mercies are over all of your works. The broken spirit and the contrite heart you do not despise. You live with us in grace as our Father.

We come to you now through our Lord Jesus Christ to plead for your care for the Church.

Strengthen the churches that proclaim your gospel. Bless the churches and church plants of the Pacific Northwest Presbytery, and especially our church here at Ascension.

We pray also for your help and blessing for our city.

Grant your help and protection to our Mayor and City Council. Please bring financial prosperity to our city. Make Hillsboro a more just and merciful and peaceful community. Help your people to benefit our city and to reflect your grace in our callings.

Father, we thank you for the mercy and kindness you have shown to us in this country.

Give us wisdom in the use of our wealth. We ask for purity in the use of our freedoms. We ask that our leaders might serve with humility, compassion and justice.

Our Savior, we appeal to your great compassion for help to those among us who are suffering.

Heal those who are sick. Encourage those who are discouraged and depressed. Provide for those who are struggling financially. Comfort those who are grieving. Give hope to those who are suffering in guilt and doubt.

Our great God, we ask you to hear us and to work in us that which is pleasing to you, as we pray in the words our Savior 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.

For All The Saints

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

Tenor

8

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

2

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

4

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

6

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 tempo/meter is indicated as 8. 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.'.

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...

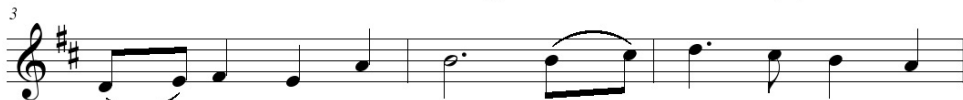
From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Son Of God Goes Forth To War

Text and Music: Reginald Heber (1812) • Public Domain



The Son of God goes forth to war, a
The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye could
A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few on
A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, the



king - ly crown to gain; his blood - red ban - ner
pierce be - yond the grave, who saw his Mas - ter
whom the Spir - it came, twelve val - iant saints, their
ma - tron and the maid, a - round the Sav - ior's



streams a - far; who fol - lows in his train? Who
in the sky, and called on him to save: like
hope they knew, and mocked the cross and flame: they
throne re - jice, in robes of light ar - rayed: they



best can drink his cup of woe, tri - um - phant o - ver
him, with par - don on his tongue in midst of mor - tal
met the ty - rant's bran - dished steel, the li - on's gor - y
climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n through per - il, toil, and



pain, who pa - tient bears his cross be - low, he
pain, he prayed for them his did the wrong: who
mane; they bowed their necks that death to feel: who
pain: O God, to us may grace be giv'n to



fol - lows in his train,
fol - lows in his train?
fol - lows in their train?
fol - low in their train.

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Colossians 2:6-7

As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Grace and Gratitude” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me.”

(Psalm 50:23)

“Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!”

(Psalm 105:1-4)

Sola Scriptura - Scripture alone

Solus Christus - Christ alone

Sola Fide - Faith alone

Sola Gratia - Grace alone

Soli Deo Gloria - Glory to God alone

(“The Five Solas of the Reformation”)

“The only answer to χάρις* is εὐχαριστία†...

Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth.

Grace evokes gratitude like the voice an echo.

Gratitude follows grace like thunder lightning.”

(Karl Barth)

* *charis*, “grace”

† *eucharistia*, “thanksgiving,” “gratitude”



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.”

From The Depth Of Woe (Psalm 130)

Text: Martin Luther (Based on Psalm 130) • Music: ©1997 Christopher Miner

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord turn a gra - cious ear to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion. If Thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O who shall stand be - fore Thee? O who shall stand be - fore Thee?"

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the
voice of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord
turn a gra - cious ear to me and hear
my sup - pli - ca - tion. If Thou in - i - qui - ties dost
mark, our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O who
shall stand be - fore Thee?
O who shall stand be - fore Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain, in much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
And live alone by mercy.

Therefore my trust is in the Lord and not in my own merit;
On him my soul shall rest, his Word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support:
I wait for it with patience.

And though I wait the whole night through and till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might, it doubteth not nor feareth:
Do thus, O you of Israel's seed, you of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth.

Though great our sins and sore our woes, his grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Text: Edward H. Plumptre • Tune: "Marion," Arthur H. Messiter • Public Domain

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart, re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong men and maid-ens meek,
3. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
4. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song; God's won-drous prais - es speak.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth!
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad-ness and in woe.

REFRAIN

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
Re - joice, re - joice,

5. At last the march shall end,
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blest.

(refrain)

6. Then on, ye pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

(refrain)

BENEDICTION • 1 Kings 8:57-58

The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers.
May he not leave us or forsake us,
that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways.

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After Worship Today • Sunday School (kids/youth) and Sermon Discussion (adults).

Home Group • Today (Oct. 30) after Worship and Sunday School, in the Fellowship Hall. We'll share a potluck lunch together, then discuss chapter 8 of Dane Ortlund's book, *Deeper*.

Men's Study • 6:30am Wednesdays. Contact: Rob Stevenson (robert.james.stevenson@gmail.com).

Women's Study • 7pm Wednesdays. Contact: Jerilee Costa (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

"Ascension Young Adults" (AYA) • 6:30pm - 8pm Wednesdays. 6th through 12th graders are encouraged to come, and to invite their friends. We'll start each gathering with a Gospel-centered devotion, song, and prayer, then give everyone some free time to connect with each other. (There *might* even be pizza.) Contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com).

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (Nov. 6) 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!

Women's Retreat • Fri. - Sun., Nov. 4-6. Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com).

Men's Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Nov. 12. Contact: Eric Costa (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)

Shepherding Meetings • The elders want 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're available for these 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).

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PRAY FOR THE MINISTRIES & MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT

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Our Presbytery (pacificnorthwestpresbytery.com)

Northwest Church Planting Network (nwcpcnetwork.com)

Reformed University Fellowship (ruf.org)

Brian & Faith Janssen, Missionaries in Taiwan with OMF (omf.org/asia/taiwan)

Betsy L., Missionary in Spain with Serge (serge.org)

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Name(s)

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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
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