



ASCENSION
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CALL TO WORSHIP • Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

In Christ Alone

Text & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend • ©2001 Thankyou Music

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Christ Alone'. It consists of eight staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the light, my strength, — my song; — This Cor - ner - God in help - less babe! — This gift of world by dark - ness slain: — Then burst - ing stone, this so - lid ground. firm through the love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the forth in glor - ious day up from the fier - cest drought — and storm. — What heights of ones he came — to save: — 'Till on that grave He rose — a - gain! — And as He love, what depths of peace — when fears are cross as Je - sus died, — the wrath of stands in vic - to - ry — sin's curse has stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in God was sa - tis - fied. — For ev - 'ry sin on Him was lost its grip on me, — for I am His and He is all, here in the love of Christ — I stand. laid; here in the death of Christ — I live. mine, bought with the pre - cious blood — of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 2 Corinthians 5:20b

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have clung to evil rather than to Christ. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Restore us to newness of life, and seat us at your table of grace, that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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 • 1 Kings 19:1-13

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Yahweh*, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of Yahweh came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

⁹ There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of Yahweh came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He said, "I have been very jealous for Yahweh, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹ And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before Yahweh." And behold, Yahweh passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before Yahweh, but Yahweh was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but Yahweh was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake a fire, but Yahweh was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* This translation differs from the ESV in that the ESV translates God's personal name, Yahweh, as "LORD" with small caps.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Our Father, you rule over the nations of the earth in justice and mercy.

Give wisdom to our President and representatives in Congress. Bring peace between the nations of the world. We plead for your mercy on our nation.

Holy Spirit, you are the Lord and giver of life.

Protect and defend Ascension Church and our sister congregations in and around Portland. Spread your gospel in this place. We ask for protection and prosperity for our city.

Jesus, you are full of compassion.

Relieve the suffering of the poor and oppressed in our city. Bring healing and joy to those who are ill or facing imminent death, and to those who care for them.

Our Father, you have set us here to cultivate and develop your creation.

Please give us delight and diligence in our callings. Provide for those seeking work. Make us a blessing to our city through our work.

And teach us to pray as you taught your disciples, saying:

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.

The Trinity For Eternity

Text: Catherine Winkworth • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now, our
Un - seal our lips, to sing your praise, our
5 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "Ho-
8 hearts in true de - vo - tion bow.
souls to you in wor - ship raise.
9 ly are you! O Lord most high!"
8 Your Spi - rit send, with grace di - vine, and
Make strong our faith, in - crease our light, that
13 And in the light of that blest place, for -
8 let your truth with - in us shine. Glo - ry
we may know your name a - right.
18 e'er be - hold you face to face.
8 to God! The Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!
23 To You, Lord all praise! The Trin - i - ty,
28 for e - ter - ni - ty!

We Rest on Thee

Text: Edith G. Cherry, ca. 1895 (based on 2 Chronicles 14:11)

Music: *Finlandia*, arr. Jean Sibelius • Public Domain

“We rest on thee”—our shield and our defender!

We go not forth alone against the foe;
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,”
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.”

Yea, “in thy name,” O Captain of salvation!

In thy dear name, all other names above;
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
our Prince of glory and our King of love,
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
our Prince of glory and our King of love.

“We go” in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
and needing more each day thy grace to know:

yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,”

yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.”

“We rest on thee”—our shield and our defender!

Thine is the battle, thine shall be the praise
when passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
victors—we rest with thee, through endless days,
when passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
victors—we rest with thee, through endless days.

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 11:1-19

When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹ "Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶ "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷ "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "Ears to Hear" (Rev. Eric Costa)

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me... Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of Yahweh comes." (Malachi 3:1; 4:5)



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 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 Come, O Come, Emmanuel

12th Century Latin Hymn • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel." The score ends with a double bar line on the fifth staff.

O come, O come, Em - man - - u - el, and
ran - som cap - tive Is - - - ra - el, that
mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un - til the Son of
God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
man - - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra -
el.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
(Chorus)

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry over the grave.
(Chorus)

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
(Chorus)

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
(Chorus)

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore • © 2015 Drink Your Tea Music

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff starts with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second staff begins with a measure rest. The third staff includes a key signature change to D minor (two flats) and a time signature change to 2/4. The fourth staff begins with a measure rest. The fifth staff includes a key signature change to G major (one flat) and a time signature change to 4/4.

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our
4 hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther
7 We will feast and weep no more. We will not be
11 burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con -
sumed by the flood Up-held pro-tect - ed, ga - thered up

(Chorus)

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things!" we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more!*

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
my soul, be not afraid;
for the promised morning— oh, how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed.
You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • Romans 15:5-6

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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!*

After Worship Today • Immediately after Worship, kids can join Mr. Jaques for a drum circle. Then, starting around 11:40, we'll have Sunday School (kids/youth) and Sermon Discussion (adults).

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. Contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com).

Men's Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Nov. 12, at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro). We'll share a potluck breakfast together, then discuss "Song" as an element of our liturgy. 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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