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CALL TO WORSHIP • *Philippians 4:4*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!___ Lord___ God Al - migh - ty!___
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!___ All the saints a - dore Thee,___
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!___ though the dark - ness hide Thee,___
5 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly!___ Lord___ God Al - migh - ty!___



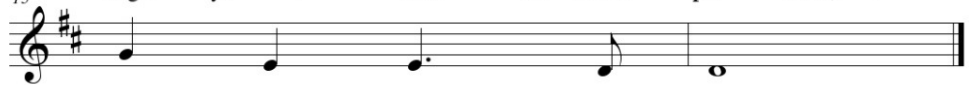
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not
8 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and



Thee. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!___ Mer - ci - ful and
sea; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be -
see; On - ly Thou art ho - ly;___ there is none be -
12 sea; Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly;___ mer - ci - ful and



migh - ty!___ God in three per - sons,___
fore Thee,___ Who wert, and art, and___
side Thee,___ Per - fect in pow'r, in___
15 migh - ty!___ God in Three per - sons,___



bles - ed Trin - i - ty!
ev - er - more shalt be.
love, and pur - i - ty.
bles - ed Trin - i - ty!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Hebrews 12:15a, 25a

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God... See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Blessed Trinity, you dwell in the sheer delight of eternal communion. You are the Lord of joy, and you have made us and blessed us to share your joy in relationship with you. But we have sought our happiness apart from you, in the things you have made, in the works of our own hands, in anything and everything but you. Nevertheless, Lord Jesus, it was your pleasure to welcome us back into your own joy, even though it meant your death to do so. Even though we don't deserve it, please forgive us and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Make your own joy to be our strength. Grant that our greatest delight would be in knowing you and making you known, to the glory of your Blessed Name. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Hebrews 12:22-24

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor Yahweh¹ with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.

¹ The ESV translates God's personal name, Yahweh, as "the LORD" (small caps).

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 52

To the choirmaster. A Maskil of David, when Doeg, the Edomite, came and told Saul, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."

- 1 Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man?
The steadfast love of God endures all the day.
- 2 Your tongue plots destruction,
like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.
- 3 You love evil more than good,
and lying more than speaking what is right. Selah
- 4 You love all words that devour,
O deceitful tongue.
- 5 But God will break you down forever;
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living. Selah
- 6 The righteous shall see and fear,
and shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 "See the man who would not make
God his refuge,
but trusted in the abundance of his riches
and sought refuge in his own destruction!"
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God.
I trust in the steadfast love of God
forever and ever.
- 9 I will thank you forever,
because you have done it.
I will wait for your name, for it is good,
in the presence of the godly.

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 Eternal, God Almighty, you have brought forth from the root of Jesse a shoot, Jesus our Savior.

He is your anointed one, the promised Messiah, in him you are well pleased. We come to you in his service, to offer our prayers of intercession for the coming of his kingdom.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be both Lord and Christ.

We pray for the Church of Christ that she might be faithful to her Lord, bearing witness to his reign in every land among every people.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be our Lord and Shepherd.

We pray for those whom you have appointed to be ministers of your gospel. We especially ask for your protection and help for our pastor.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus to be Lord of all the earth.

We pray that you draw all people to kneel before the Prince of Peace. Please establish justice and peace between nations in your world.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus King of kings and Lord of lords.

We pray for the rulers of our nation that they might be wise, fearing the Lord to whom they must bow in the world to come.

Father Eternal, you have anointed Jesus a counselor and comforter of your people.

We pray for those among us who suffer, for those who are lonely, for those without home or family, for those who are depressed and discouraged, for those who are seeking work, for those who are sick, for those who are grieving.

Praise, honor and glory belong to you, Eternal Father, and to your Son, who taught us to pray 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.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Text and Music: based on the *Te Deum*, ca. 4th c. • arr. Chip Ueltschey



Ho - ly God, we praise your name;
Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn
Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train
Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son,



Lord of all, we bow be - fore you;
an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
join your sa - cred name to hal - low;
Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name you;



all on earth your scep - ter claim,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
while in es - sence on - ly One,



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you.
in un - ceas - ing chor - us prais - ing,
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you,



In - fi - nite your vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing
fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
and from morn to set of sun, through the church the
and a - dor - ing bend the knee, while we sing this



is your reign.
ho - ly Lord."
song goes on.
mys - ter - y.

I, Even I, Will Sing Unto The Lord

Text: Amy Carmichael • Music: Edward J. Hopkins • © 1960 Dohnavur Fellowship

Musical score for the first system (measures 1-5). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes a piano accompaniment and four lines of lyrics. Chord symbols F, C7, and F are indicated above the staff.

1. I, ev - en I, will sing un - to the Lord, For ev - er
2. Where dark - ness was, He said, Let there be light; I saw the
3. Shep - herd of Is - rael, what can baf - fle Love, Or cause Di -
4. Love, on - ly Love, these night - y things can do, What Love has

Musical score for the second system (measures 6-10). The key signature is one flat and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes a piano accompaniment and four lines of lyrics. Chord symbols Dm, G7, C, C7, F, and Gm are indicated above the staff.

and for ev - er the A - dored; I, ev - en I, though
blind re - cei - ving heav'n - ly sight. His mir - a - cles are
- vine com - pas - sion to re - move? Out of a fall, Love
pur - posed, Love will car - ry through. I, ev - en I will

Musical score for the third system (measures 11-15). The key signature is one flat and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes a piano accompaniment and four lines of lyrics. Chord symbols C7, F, Dm, Bb, C7, and F are indicated above the staff.

11 I be dust, will sing To Him who ev - en now is tri - umph - ing.
with us once a - gain; O worth - y is the Lamb that has been slain.
makes a step - ping stone, And quite re - vers - es all the foe has done.
sing un - to the Lord, For ev - er and for ev - er the A - dored.

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 12:33-37

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴ You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. ³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, ³⁷ for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

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

SERMON • “How to Bear Good Fruit” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath.

It is good to give thanks to Yahweh,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O Yahweh, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

How great are your works, O Yahweh!
Your thoughts are very deep!
The stupid man cannot know;
the fool cannot understand this:
that though the wicked sprout like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they are doomed to destruction forever;
but you, O Yahweh, are on high forever.
For behold, your enemies, O Yahweh,
for behold, your enemies shall perish;
all evildoers shall be scattered.

But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
you have poured over me fresh oil.
My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of Yahweh;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,
to declare that Yahweh is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.” (Psalm 92)

“I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

“I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says ‘Jesus is accursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.” (1 Corinthians 12:3)



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.¹ 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 catholic² 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].)

¹ 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.

² Or, “universal.”

Father, Remember Me

Text: Psalm 103 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 The ten - der love a fath - er has for all
3 The Lord re - mem - bers we are dust, and all
8 his children dear, Such love the Lord be - stows
6 our frail - ty knows; Man's days are like the ten -
8 on them who wor - ship Him in fear. This is my
9 - der grass, and as the flow'r he grows.
8 song! Fath - er re - mem - ber me, When You come,
13 Lord - re - mem - ber me!

Unchanging is the love of God, from age to age the same,
displayed to all who do his will and reverence in his name.

(Chorus)

Those who his gracious cov'nant keep the Lord will ever bless;
their children's children shall rejoice to see his righteousness.

(Chorus)

God Is The Strength Of My Heart

Text: Psalm 73 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8
God-is good to His peo - ple, His mer-cy to me,
5
8
is al-ways un - fail - ing, though I could not see.
9
8
And when my faith fal - tered, I en-vied the proud.
13
8
In doubt and dis - qui - et my spir - it was bowed.
17
8
Trust-in the Lord God, He is un-fail - ing,
21
8
He is the strength of my heart ev - er more!
the good and the pure.

The wicked all prosper, and firm is their health;
they suffer no pangs as they gather their wealth.
They never are troubled with sickness or pain,
but boast to all others of ill-gotten gain.

(Chorus)

They question God's knowledge and boldly defy
the might and the justice of God the Most High.
The wicked grow wealthy, have comfort and peace,
while I, daily chastened, see troubles increase.

(Chorus)

In doubt and temptation, I rest Lord in you;
my hand is in your hand, whatever I do.
You always are with me; you guide with your word,
and soon into glory will take me, O Lord.

(Chorus)

Whom have I, O Savior, in heaven but you?
On earth for none other I long but for you.
My flesh and my heart may be weakened and sore,
but God is the strength of my heart evermore.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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After Worship Today • Join us around 11:40 for Sunday School (kids) and Sermon Discussion (adults).

Men's Study • 6:30am Wednesdays at Starbucks (16175 SW Walker Road, Beaverton). This group is surveying the Bible using *The Drama of Scripture* by C. Bartholomew and M. W. Goheen. Contact: Rob Stevenson (robert.james.stevenson@gmail.com) for more information.

Women's Studies:

- 2pm Wednesdays. Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com).
- 7pm Thursdays. 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. Contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@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 third 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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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
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