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**CALL TO WORSHIP • James 5:8**

Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

# All Glory, Laud And Honor

Text: Theodulph of Orleans (ca. 820) • Music: Melchior Teschner • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part. It consists of six staves of music in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "All glo - ry, laud and hon - or to thee Re - deem - er King, to whom the lips of child - ren made sweet ho - san - nas ring! Thou art the King of Is - rael thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!"

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The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.  
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.  
All glory, laud and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Revelation 1:17b-18**

“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of his holy name. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Revelation 1:5b-6**

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to God his Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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 84

- 1 How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O Yahweh<sup>1</sup> of hosts!
- 2 My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of Yahweh;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O Yahweh of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise! Selah
- 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
- 6 As they go through the Valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.
- 7 They go from strength to strength;  
each one appears before God in Zion.
- 8 O Yahweh God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
- 9 Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed!
- 10 For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- 11 For Yahweh God is a sun and shield;  
Yahweh bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.
- 12 O Yahweh of hosts,  
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

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

## **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, 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.*

# Thy Mercy, My God

Lyrics: John Stoker • Music: Sandra McCracken

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1. Thy mer - cy, my\_ God, is the theme of my song, the  
out thy sweet mer - cy I could\_ not live here;  
mer - cy is\_ more than a match for my heart which  
fath - er of\_ mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the



joy of my\_ heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy free grace a - lone from the first  
Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but through thy free good - ness my spir  
won - ders to\_ feel its own hard - ness de - part; - dis - solved - by thy good - ness - I fall  
cov - e - nant love of thy cruc - i - fied son; all praise to the spi - rit whose whis



— to the last hath won my af - fec - tions and bound\_ my soul fast.  
- its re - vive and he that first made me still keeps\_ me a - live.  
— to the ground and weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've found.  
- per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness



2. With mine. All praise to the spir - it whose whis - per di - vine  
3. Thy  
4. Great



— seals mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine!

# Psalm 46

Text & Music: Mike Crawford, Isaac Wardell • ©2009 Mike Crawford



God is our re - fuge our strength and our shield, an  
Nat - tions in up - roar, men's king - doms, they fall, He  
Come, let us see what the Lord has done, the



ev - er pre - sent help. We will not fear though the earth  
speaks and the earth melts a - way. the worst we im - a - gine the strong -  
ru - ins He brings to the earth. He makes wars to cease to the ends



— gives way. and the moun - tains crash in to the sea.  
- est of storms, our for - tress, it will still re - main.  
— of the earth, He shat - ters the bow and the spear. —



*There is a ri - ver who's streams will make glad the ci - ty of our most High King.*



*God is with-in her, and she will not fail, He helps her at break of the day.*  
*God is with-in her, and she will not fail, He helps her at break of the day.*  
*God is with-in her, and she will not fail, List - ten and hear the Lord say: "Be*



still, — and know — that I — am God." — "Be

## **GOSPEL READING • Matthew 13:44-46**

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,  
<sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

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

## **SERMON • “Delighting in the Kingdom” (Rev. Eric Costa)**

“One thing have I asked of Yahweh,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of Yahweh  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of Yahweh  
and to inquire in his temple.” (Psalm 27:4)

“Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
For Yahweh, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.” (Psalm 47:1-2)

“I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.” (Philippians 3:8-11)

“Jesus [is] the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2)

“The kingdom of heaven is worth infinitely more than the cost of discipleship.” (D. A. Carson)





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11**

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

*I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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].)

# Christ Jesus Lay In Death's Strong Bands

Text: Martin Luther • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

3  
Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for  
It was a strange and dread - ful strife when  
Here the true pas - chal Lamb we see, whom  
So let us keep the fes - ti - val to  
Then let us feast this ho - ly day on

6  
our of - fen - es giv - en; but now at God's right  
life and death con - tend - ed. The vic - tor - y re -  
God so free - ly gave us. He died on the ac -  
which the Lord in - vites us. Christ is Him - self the  
Christ, the bread of hea - ven. The Word of grace has

9  
hand He stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
mained with life; the reign of death was end - ed.  
curs - ed tree, so strong His love to save us.  
joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.  
purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.

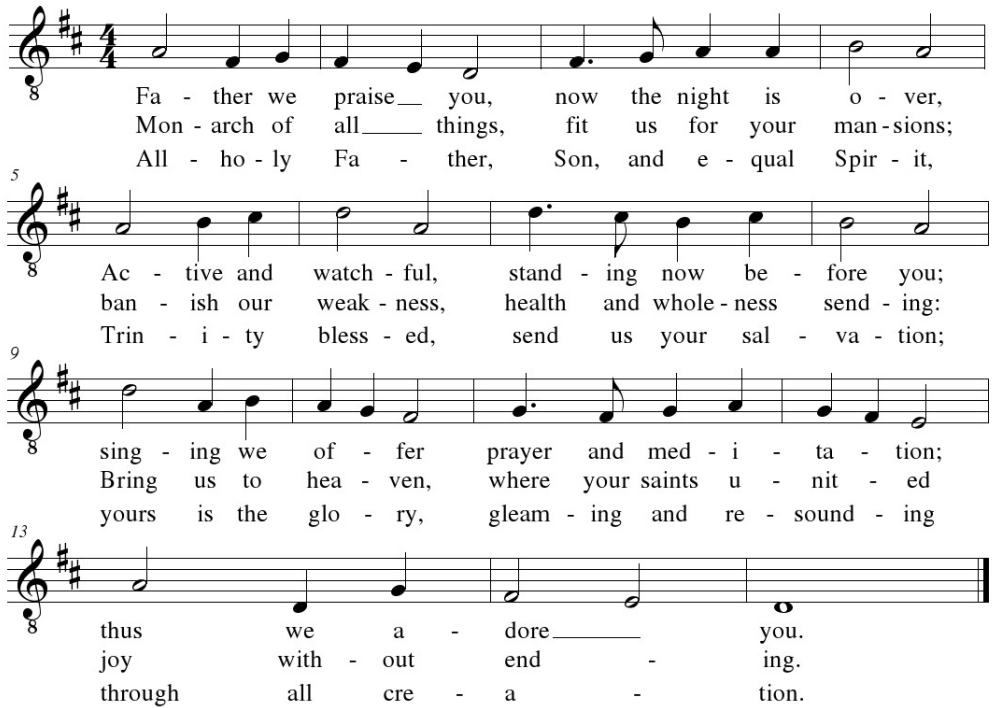
12  
There - fore let us joy - ful be, and sing to God right  
Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says His death has swal - lowed  
See His blood now marks our door; faith points to it death  
Now His grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine  
Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he is our meat and

17  
thank - ful - ly loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
up our death; its sting is lost for - ev - er.  
pass - es o'er, and Sa - tan can - not harm us.  
to our hearts; the night of sin is end - ed.  
drink in - deed; Faith lives u - pon no oth - er!

23  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia!

# Father, We Praise You

Text: Gregory I (540-604) • Music: *Christe Sanctorum*, French Church Melody (1681) • Public Domain



8 Fa - ther we praise you, now the night is o - ver,  
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;  
All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,

5 Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you;  
ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing:  
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion;

9 sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i - ta - tion;  
Bring us to hea - ven, where your saints u - nit - ed  
yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re - sound - ing

13 thus we a - dore you.  
joy with - out end - ing.  
through all cre - a - tion.

## BENEDICTION • 1 Thessalonians 3:12

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love  
for one another and for all.

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**Congregational Meeting** • After Worship today (there will be no Sunday School). We will provide a 2022 financial report and 2023 budget. We will also make room for a conversation about articulating what is distinctive about our congregation as an expression of the church.

**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).

**"The Ascenders"** • 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.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
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