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THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 33:1-5

Shout for joy in Yahweh¹, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to Yahweh with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of Yahweh is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice;

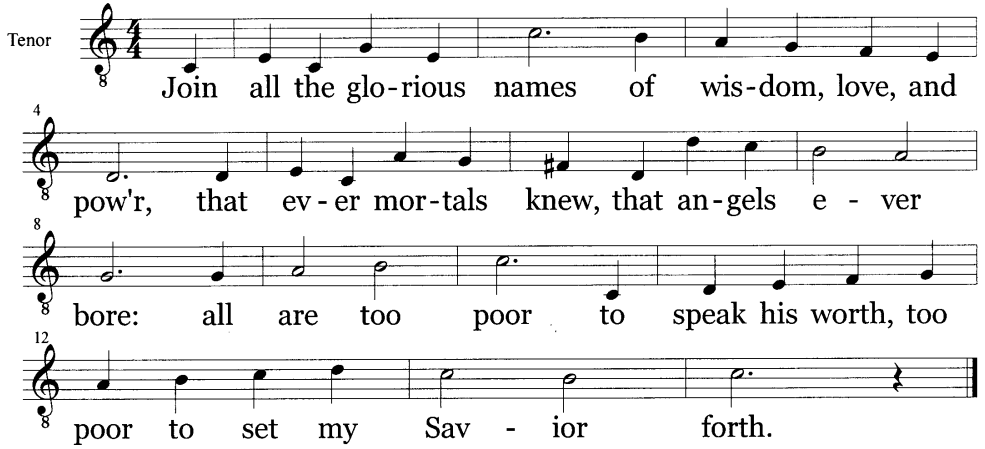
the earth is full of the steadfast love of Yahweh.

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

Join All The Glorious Names

Text: Issac Watts • Music: John Darwall • Public Domain

Tenor



Join all the glo-rious names of wis-dom, love, and
pow'r, that ev-er mor-tals knew, that an-gels e-ver
bore: all are too poor to speak his worth, too
poor to set my Sav-ior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless thy Name,
by thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sin forgiv'n, of hell subdued, and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood, and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:
his pow'rful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the throne.

Thou art my Counselor, my pattern, and my Guide,
and thou my shepherd art; O keep me near thy side;
nor let my feet e'er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqueror and my King,
thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace I sing:
thine is the power; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 147:2-3

Yahweh builds up Jerusalem;
 he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
 and binds up their wounds.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 147:11

Yahweh takes pleasure in those who fear him,
 in those who hope in his steadfast love.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Philippians 4:11-13, 19-20

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me... And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 • Isaiah 49:5-6

- 5 And now Yahweh says,
 he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
 and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of Yahweh,
 and my God has become my strength—
- 6 he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

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...

Through Jesus, whom we confess as Lord, we give thanks and praise to the Father, calling on him who is judge of all:

Father, your kingdom come.

For all the peoples of the world; that they may know you as the God of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For nations, leaders and governments; that integrity may mark all their dealings, we pray to you O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For all who labor for righteousness; that your presence and help may give them courage, we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For communities torn by dissension and strife; that your forgiveness may bring them healing, we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For the anxious, the lonely, the bereaved; that consolation and peace may be theirs, we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For the Church, your household and family; that she may be firm in the confession of her hope, we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

For our pastor, elders, and deacons, and for all who bear Christ's name; that their lives may proclaim your glory, we pray to you, O Lord:

Father, your kingdom come.

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep: make us perfect in all goodness to do your will and to be what you would have us be; through him to whom be glory forever, Jesus Christ our Lord.

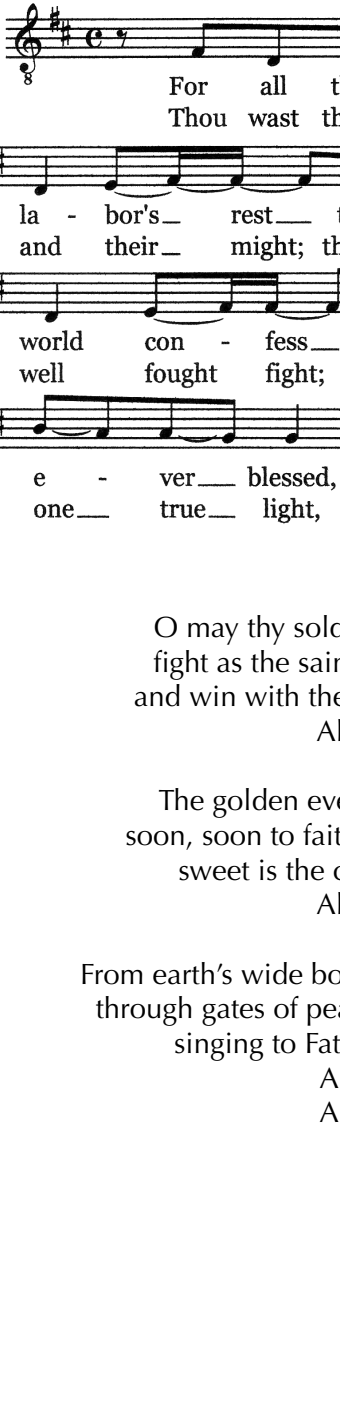
Amen.

For All The Saints

Text: William H. How

Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor



8 For all the saints who from this
2 Thou wast their rock, their for- tress
4 la - bor's rest to thee by - faith be-fore the
6 and their might; thou Lord their cap-tain in the
world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for -
well fought fight; thou in the dark-ness drear, their
e - ver blessed, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.
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.

Abide With Me

Text: Henry Lyte • Music: Justin Smith • ©2007 Justin Smith Music

Tenor



8 A - bide with me; — fast fall the e - ven -
3 Thou on my head, in — ear - ly youth didst
8 tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a -
6 smile; And, though re - bel - lious, - and per - verse mean -
8 bide. When oth - er help - ers, fail and com - forts
9 while, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left
8 flee, help of the help - less, a - bide with me.
Thee, on to the close Lord, a - bide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life and death, Lord, abide with me.

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 15:21-39

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."
²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."
²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."
²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."
²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."
²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

²⁹ Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there.
³⁰ And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them,
³¹ so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

³² Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."
³³ And the disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?"
³⁴ And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish."
³⁵ And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground,
³⁶ he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
³⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over.
³⁸ Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.
³⁹ And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "Crumbs" (Rev. Eric Costa)



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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].)

A Hymn To God The Father

A Poem by John Donne • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Wilt Thou for - give that sin where I be - gun, which
5 was my sin, though it were done be - fore? Wilt Thou for -
10 give that sin through which I run, and do run still, though
15 still I do de - plore? When Thou hast
19 done, — Thou hast not done, — for I have more, — I have
25 more. When Thou hast done, — Thou hast not done,
30 — for I have more, — I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
a year or two, but wallow'd in a score?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
for I have more, I have more. (2x)

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
but swear by thyself, that at my death thy sun
shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.

And, having done that, thou hast done.
I fear no more. I fear no more. (2x)

May Jesus Christ Be Praised

Text: Common Book of Prayer • Music: Benjamin Wilkinson • Used by Permission

Tenor

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When morn-ing gilds the skies, — my
When sleep her peace de - nies, — my
heart a - wake-ing cries; — A - like at work and prayer,
si - lent spi - rit sighs; — When ev - il thoughts mo - lest, —
— on Christ I cast my cares; — May
— with this I shield my breast; — May
Je - sus Christ be praised! — May Je - sus Christ be praised!
Je - sus Christ be praised! — May Je - sus Christ be praised!
— To God, the Word, on high, — the
— In Heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss, — the
host of an - gels cry. — May Je - sus Christ be praised!
love-liest strain is this! —
— May Je - sus Christ be praised! — My
God, the Sav - ior reigns! — May Je - sus Christ be praised! —

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find;
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this, while life is mine, my love, my song divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised! May Jesus Christ be praised!
My God, the Savior, reigns! May Jesus Christ be praised!

BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts
to the love of God
and to the steadfastness of Christ.

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After Worship Today • Join us around 11:30 for Sunday School (kids) and Sermon Discussion (adults).

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (May 7) we collect *Alms*, gifts of mercy that the deacons can 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.)

Men's Study • 6:30am Wednesdays at Starbucks (16175 SW Walker Road, Beaverton). 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).

Church Campout • Aug. 18-20 at Detroit Lake. The church has reserved eight campsites, and the cost is \$50 per site. To register, and for more info, contact Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@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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