



ASCENSION
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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 33:8

Let all the earth fear Yahweh¹;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

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

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Text: Edward Perronet • Music: Oliver Holden • 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: "All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of all." The score includes bar numbers 3, 6, 9, and 12. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end.

All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let
an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al
di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of
all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and
crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
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O that, with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,
join in the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
Join in the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper,
but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust. We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

OFFERING • Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing 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.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Hebrews 10:1-10

Since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.

² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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...

Almighty God who is from everlasting to everlasting, grant us, amidst the conflicts of this world, the comfort of a perfect trust in you.

We lament the fact that pride, selfishness, greed, and anger lead to war among brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as war among nations.

Save and help us, O Lord.

For all who are afflicted by war within themselves, by the conflicts of doubt, a rebellious will, and the darkness of despair:

Save and help us, O Lord.

For all who suffer in body and circumstance, the sick, the poor, and the prisoner, that they would be touched by your compassion in their time of need:

Save and help us, O Lord.

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

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.

Be Still, My Soul

Text: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752 • Music: *Finlandia*, arr. Jean Sibelius • Public Domain

Tenor

8 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your
4 Be still, my soul: your God will un - der
8 Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de -
7 side; _____ bear pa - tient - ly the
8 take _____ to guide the fu - ture
7 part, _____ and all is dark - ened
8 cross of grief or pain; _____ leave to your
10 as he the vale of the of tears, _____ then shall you
8 God to or - der and pro - vide; _____
13 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; _____
8 bet - ter know his love, his heart, _____
16 _____ in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re -
8 _____ all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
16 _____ who come to soothe your sor - row and your
8 main. _____ Be still, my soul: your
19 last. _____ Be still, my soul: the
8 fears. _____ Be still, my soul: your
8 best, your heav'n - ly Friend _____ through thorn - y
22 waves and winds still know _____ his voice who
8 Je - sus can re - pay _____ from his own
8 ways leads to a joy - ful end.
8 ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
8 full - ness all he takes a - way.

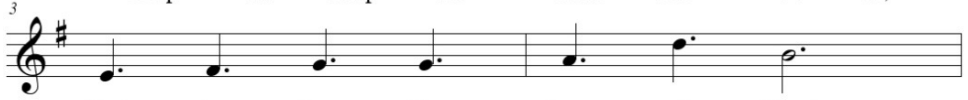
Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Come, Oh Come, O Quickening Spirit

Text and Music: Heinrich Held (1620-1659), arr. Chip Ueltschey



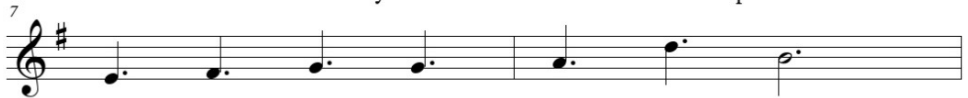
Come, oh come, O quick - 'ning Spi - rit,
On - ly that which you de - sire
Bless - ed Spi - rit, still re - new - ing
Help us keep the faith for - ev - er;



God be - fore the dawn of time!
be our ob - ject; with your hand
all who dwell up - on the earth,
let not Sa - tan, death, or shame



Fire our hearts with ho - ly ar - dor,
lead our ev - 'ry thought and ac - tion,
when the e - vil one as - sails us
draw us from you or de - prive us



bles - sed Com - for - ter sub - lime!
let us be at your com - mand.
help us prove our heav'n - ly birth;
of the hon - or of your name.



Let your ra - diance fill our night,
All our sin - ful - ness e - raise
Arm us with your might - y sword
When the foe would lure us hence,



turn - ing dark - ness in - to light.
with the in - crease of your grace.
in the le - gions of the Lord.
be, O God, our sure de - fense.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Leviticus 1-5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Sacrifices” (Joe Pope)



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.”

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Text & Music: Stuart Townend • ©1995 Thankyou Music

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'How Deep The Father's Love For Us'. It consists of seven staves of music, each with a line of lyrics underneath. The music is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are as follows:

How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
Be - hold the man up - on the cross, my
I will not boast in an - y thing, no
vast be - yond all mea - sure, that
sin up - on His should - ers; a -
gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom; but
He should give His on - ly Son to
shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
I will boast in Je - sus Christ, His
make a wretch His trea - sure. How
out a - mong the scof - fers. It
death and res - ur - rect - ion. Why
great the pain of sear - ing loss; the Fa - ther turns His
was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac -
should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an
face a - way as wounds which mar the
com - plished. His dy - ing breath has
an - swer, but this I know with
cho - sen one bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
brought me life, I know that it is fin - ished.
all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

O Lord, By Grace Delivered

Text: Psalm 30 (1912 Psalter)

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

O Lord, by grace de - liv - ered, I
In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed: un -
now with songs ex - tol; my foes you have not
moved I shall re - main; for Lord, by your good
suf - fered to glo - ry o'er my fall. O Lord, my God, I
fa - vor my cause you did main - tain; I soon was sor - ley
sought you, and you did heal and save; - you,
trou - bled, for you did hide your face; I
Lord, from death did ran - som and keep me from the
cried to you Je - ho - vah, I sought Je - ho - vah's
grave. O Lord, by grace de - li - - vered! - I
grace.
now with songs ex - tol! His ho - ly name re -
mem - ber! - You saints, Je - ho - vah praise!

What profit if I perish, if life you do not spare?
Shall dust repeat your praises, shall it your truth declare?
O Lord, on me have mercy, and my petition hear;
that you may be my helper, in mercy, Lord, appear.

(Chorus)

My grief is turned to gladness, to you my thanks I raise,
who has removed my sorrow and girded me with praise;
and now, no longer silent, my heart your praise will sing;
O Lord, my God forever, my thanks to you I bring.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times in every way.
The Lord be with you all.

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Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (today) 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.)

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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Name(s)

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