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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 34:3-5, 8**

Oh, magnify Yahweh<sup>1</sup> with me, and let us exalt his name together!  
I sought Yahweh, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed...

Oh, taste and see that Yahweh is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

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

# Crown Him With Many Crowns

Text: Matthew Bridges • Music: *Diademata*, George Elvey

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▶ 1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne.  
▶ 2. Crown Him the Lord of love! Be - hold His hands and side-  
▶ 3. Crown Him the Lord of life! Who tri - umphed o'er the grave;  
▶ 4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Fa - ther known,

Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
Who rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
One with the Spir - it thro' Him giv'n From yon - der glo - rious throne.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me: Thy  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
To Thee be end - less praise, For Thou for us hast died. Be

hail Him as thy match-less King Thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.  
praise and glo - ry shall not fail Thro' - out e - ter - ni - ty.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Thou, O Lord, thro' end - less days A - dored and mag - ni - fied!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 1:18**

“Come now, let us reason together, says Yahweh:  
though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.”

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Merciful God, you sent Jesus to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. We confess that we have turned aside to our own way, have ignored your precious word, and have sought to find happiness outside of your will and apart from you. In your mercy forgive us. We would flee to no other refuge, build on no other foundation, receive from no other fullness, rest in no other relief; but alone entrust ourselves to Jesus' saving power, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 51:11**

The ransomed of Yahweh shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain gladness and joy,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 1 John 3:16-18**

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth.

## 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.*

## GOSPEL READING • John 19:38-42

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. <sup>39</sup> Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup> So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup> Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. <sup>42</sup> So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Let us pray...

We extol you our God and King. You exist in the mystery of the Trinity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*You live independent of all that you have created. You uphold and govern your creation by your wise and holy providence. Your wisdom is unsearchable, and your thoughts are higher than ours. Your justice is absolute and perfectly fair. There is none like you, the Holy One of Israel.*

Yet, as our great God and King, you show mercy and compassion to your creatures.

*You dwell with the meek and lowly. Your tender mercies are over all of your works. The broken spirit and the contrite heart you do not despise. You live with us in grace as our Father.*

We come to you now through our Lord Jesus Christ to plead for your care for the Church.

*Strengthen the churches that proclaim your gospel. Bless the churches and church plants of the Pacific Northwest Presbytery, and especially our church here at Ascension.*

We pray also for your help and blessing for our city.

*Grant your help and protection to our Mayor and City Council. Please bring financial prosperity to our city. Make Hillsboro a more just and merciful and peaceful community. Help your people to benefit our city and to reflect your grace in our callings.*

Father, we thank you for the mercy and kindness you have shown to us in this country.

*Give us wisdom in the use of our wealth. We ask for purity in the use of our freedoms. We ask that our leaders might serve with humility, compassion and justice.*

Our Savior, we appeal to your great compassion for help to those among us who are suffering.

*Heal those who are sick. Encourage those who are discouraged and depressed. Provide for those who are struggling financially. Comfort those who are grieving. Give hope to those who are suffering in guilt and doubt.*

Our great God, we ask you to hear us and to work in us that which is pleasing to you, as we pray in the words our Savior 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.*

# Before The Throne Of God Above

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft • Music: Vikki Cook • ©1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

Alto

Be-fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
strong and per-fect plea A great High Priest whose name is  
love Who ev-er lives and pleads for me My name is gra-ven on His  
hands My name is writ - ten on His heart I know that  
while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence de -  
part No tongue can bid me thence de - part

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part. It consists of six staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look to see him there, who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood,  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

## How Firm A Foundation

Text: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns* (1787)

Music: Trad. American Melody • Public Domain

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'How Firm A Foundation'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 8, 12, and 16. The lyrics are: 'How firm a foundation, you saints of the "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - Lord, is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent mayed; for I am your God, and will still give you word! What more can He say than to you He has aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent fled? hand.'

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design,  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

## NEW TESTAMENT READING • Romans 5:12-21

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—<sup>13</sup> for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup> And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup> For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup> Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

## SERMON • “The Apostles’ Creed: ‘Died And Was Buried’” (Rev. Pat Roach)

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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 catholic<sup>2</sup> 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].)

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Or, “universal.”

# Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Text: Charles Spurgeon

Music: Adapted from a Gregorian Chant by Lowell Mason (*Hamburg*)

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A musical score for the hymn 'Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands'. The score is written in a single system with four staves of music. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate syllable placement. The lyrics are: 'A - midst us our Be - love - ed \_\_\_ stands, What food lux - u - rious \_\_\_ loads the \_\_\_ board, If now with eyes de - filed and \_\_\_ dim, O glor - ious Bride - groom \_\_\_ of our \_\_\_ hearts, and bids us view His \_\_\_ pierc - ed \_\_\_ hands; when at His ta - ble \_\_\_ sits the \_\_\_ Lord! we see the signs, but \_\_\_ see not \_\_\_ Him; your pre - sent smile a \_\_\_ heav'n im - parts! points to the wound - ed \_\_\_ feet and \_\_\_ side, The wine how rich, the \_\_\_ bread how \_\_\_ sweet, O may His love the \_\_\_ scales dis - place, O lift the veil, if \_\_\_ veil there \_\_\_ be, blest em - blems of the Cru - ci \_\_\_ fied. when Je - sus deigns the guests to \_\_\_ meet! and bid us see Him face to \_\_\_ face! let ev - ery saint your glor - y \_\_\_ see!

# Hosanna In The Highest

Text: The Book of Common Prayer

Music: Benjamin Wilkinson • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Ho - san - na to the liv - ing Lord! Ho - san - na to the  
O Sav - ior with pro - tect - ing care, a - bide in this thy  
4 Be ho - nor, praise, and glo - ry giv'n, by all on earth and  
liv - ing word! Where we thy par - ting prom - ise claim, as -  
house of prayer; and make our se - cret soul to be, a  
7 all in heav'n, to God the Fa - ther and the Son, and  
semb - led in thy sa - cred name; to Christ, cre - a - tor  
tem - ple pure and ho - ly; be hon - or praise and  
10 God the Spi - rit three in one, be hon - or praise and  
Sa - vior, King, let earth, let heav'n, Ho - san - nas sing! Ho - san - na!  
glo - ry giv'n, by all on earth and all in heav'n.  
14 glo - ry giv'n, by all on earth and all in heav'n!  
\_ Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! in the high - est!\_

*(Repeat final chorus)*

## BENEDICTION • 2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

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**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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