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PENTECOST SUNDAY



THE WORD



CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 47:1-2

Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For Yahweh¹, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

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

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

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Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y the King of cre -
Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
Praise to the Lord, Who doth pros - per thy work and de -
Praise to the Lord, Who with mar - ve - lous wis - dom hath
Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul praise Him for
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der His
fend thee; sure - ly His good - ness and
made thee; Decked thee with health and with
dore Him! All that hath life and breath,



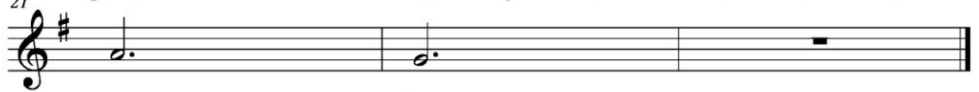
He is thy health and sal - va - tion!
wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!
mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
come now with prais - es be - fore Him.



All ye who hear, now to His tem - ple draw
Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re -
Let the A - men sound from His peo - ple a -



near, _____ join me in glad a - dor -
been _____ grant - ed with in what He or -
do, _____ if with His love He be -
lief, _____ Spread - ing His wings to o'er
gain, _____ Glad - ly for - ev - er a -



a - - - - tion.
dain - - - - eth?
friend - - - - thee.
shade thee!
dore Him.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 30:18

Yahweh waits to be gracious to you,
and he exalts himself to show mercy to you.
For Yahweh is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. We have tried to heal ourselves. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have tried to work off our guilt. We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins. When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction. Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have tried to change through our own efforts. We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower. This has left some of us arrogant. This has left most of us anxious and depressed. Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 30:19

A people shall dwell in Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Exodus 35:4-5, 21

Moses said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, "This is the thing that Yahweh has commanded. Take from among you a contribution to Yahweh. Whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring Yahweh's contribution..." And they came, everyone whose heart stirred him, and everyone whose spirit moved him, and brought Yahweh's contribution to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service.

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 110

A Psalm of David.

- 1 Yahweh says to my Lord:
 “Sit at my right hand,
 until I make your enemies your footstool.”
- 2 Yahweh sends forth from Zion
 your mighty scepter.
 Rule in the midst of your enemies!
- 3 Your people will offer themselves freely
 on the day of your power,
 in holy garments;
 from the womb of the morning,
 the dew of your youth will be yours.
- 4 Yahweh has sworn
 and will not change his mind,
 “You are a priest forever
 after the order of Melchizedek.”
- 5 The Lord is at your right hand;
 he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
- 6 He will execute judgment among the nations,
 filling them with corpses;
 he will shatter chiefs
 over the wide earth.
- 7 He will drink from the brook by the way;
 therefore he will lift up his head.

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...

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to reign in justice as our King:

Cause our President and Congress to love justice and mercy. Help our Mayor and City Council to increase the peace of the city.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to destroy the works of the devil:

Restrain the wickedness in our city by your Law. Destroy the wickedness in our own hearts by your Spirit. Protect us from the temptations, deceit and accusations of the devil.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to bring us peace with God:

Bring peace between nations in your world; help Ascension to live in your peace together; come again soon to fully establish your peace on earth.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to seek and save that which was lost:

Show mercy to our friends who do not yet know you; deepen our faith in the Gospel of grace.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to destroy death and to bring life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Comfort those who are suffering in grief, in poverty, in sickness, in injustice.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world to sympathize with our weaknesses:

Please hear us as we bring you our specific requests. (Silent prayer)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now in the words you 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.

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

1. Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, strength I find to
 2. Ev - ery day the Lord him - self is near me with a spe - cial
 3. Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion so to trust your

meet my tri - als here; trust - ing in my Fa - ther's wise be - stow - ment,
 mer - cy for each hour; all my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
 prom - is - es, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet con - so - la - tion

I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear. He whose heart is kind be -
 he whose name is Coun - sel - or and Pow'r. The pro - tec - tion of his
 of - fered me with - in your ho - ly Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and

yond all mea - sure gives un - to each day what he deems best— lov - ing -
 child and trea - sure is a charge that on him - self he laid; "As your
 trou - ble meet - ing, e'er to take, as from a fa - ther's hand, one by

ly, its part of pain and plea - sure, min - gling toil with peace and rest.
 days, your strength shall be in mea - sure," this the pledge to me he made.
 one, the days, the mo - ments fleet - ing, till I reach the prom - ised land.

Psalm 126

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1. Our mouths they were filled, fil - led with laugh - ter
2. The na - tions will say, "He has done great things!"

7
our tongues, they were loos-ed, loos-ed with joy.
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.

13
Re - store us, O Lord! Re - store us, O Lord!

21 *Refrain*
Al - though we are weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing the

30
seeds of your King - dom for the day you will reap them! Your

38
sheaves we will car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry! All

46
those who sow weep - ing, will go out with songs of joy!

NEW TESTAMENT READING • Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “The Apostles’ Creed: ‘He Ascended Into Heaven, And Is Seated At The Right Hand Of The Father’” (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.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.”

In Mercy Broken

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Tenor

8 Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro -
5 Look on the heart by sor - row bro -
9 ken Wine of the
9 ken Look on the
8 soul, in mer - cy shed
13 tears by sin - ners shed
8 By whom the words of life were spo - ken,
18 And be thy feast to us the to - ken
22 And in whose death our sins are
22 That by thy grace our souls are
8 dead. Al - le - lu -
26 fed. ia! Al - le - lu - - -
31 ia!

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a tenor clef and a 'T' time signature. The lyrics are: 'Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Wine of the ken, Look on the soul, in mercy shed tears by sinners shed. By whom the words of life were spoken, And be thy feast to us the token. And in whose death our sins are That by thy grace our souls are dead. Al-le-lu-fed. ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'. The final measure of the last staff is a double bar line with repeat dots.

Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise

Text: Charles Wesley • Music: Robert Williams • Public Domain

Tenor

8 Hail the day that sees Him rise! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 There for Him high tri - umph waits;
8 To His throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
9 Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates,
8 Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!
13 He hath con - quered death and sin,
8 En - ters now the high - est - heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Take the King of glo - ry in!

See, he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his church below! Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION • 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

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Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (June 4) 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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