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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 47:5-7**

God has gone up with a shout,  
Yahweh<sup>1</sup> with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

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

# O Worship The King

Text: Robert Grant (Psalm 104) • Music: Johann Michael Haydn • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "O wor-ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O". The second staff starts with a measure rest of 5 measures, then continues: "O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose". The third staff starts with a measure rest of 9 measures, then continues: "grate-ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love; our robe is the light, whose can - o - py space. His". The fourth staff starts with a measure rest of 13 measures, then continues: "shield and De - fend - er the An - cient of Days, pa - char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, and vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise. dark is his path on the wings - of the storm."

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dark is his path on the wings - of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
almighty, thy power hath founded of old;  
established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Isaiah 44:21-22**

Remember these things, O Jacob,

and Israel, for you are my servant;

I formed you; you are my servant;

O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud

and your sins like a mist;

return to me, for I have redeemed you.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Isaiah 44:23**

Sing, O heavens, for Yahweh has done it;

shout, O depths of the earth;

break forth into singing, O mountains,

O forest, and every tree in it!

For Yahweh has redeemed Jacob,

and will be glorified in Israel.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 1 Chronicles 29:12-14**

“Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.”

## **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 • Deuteronomy 8:1-10**

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that Yahweh swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup> And you shall remember the whole way that Yahweh your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of Yahweh. <sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, Yahweh your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of Yahweh your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup> For Yahweh your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless Yahweh your God for the good land he has given you.

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 Father in Heaven, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. You did not spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all; how will you not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

*We thank you for your daily provision for our physical needs. We thank you for your care for our souls. We thank you for your mercy given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Lord Jesus, You rule over all things for the sake of your Church. You are at the right hand of God interceding for us constantly. Nothing can separate us from your love.

*Increase the peace and purity and unity of this congregation. Strengthen the church of Christ in our city. Protect and stand with our brothers and sisters everywhere who are being persecuted for their faith.*

Our Savior, you invite the weary and burdened to come to you and find rest. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. You are gentle and humble in heart.

*Heal those who are sick. Give your grace and peace to those facing imminent death and to those who care for them. Comfort those who are grieving. Sit closely with those who are lonely. Provide for those who are seeking work. Free those who are struggling with enslaving sins.*

Our great God, we hear your promise that the knowledge of your glory will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea. We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

*Increase the spread of the Gospel in and through our city, to the world. We ask you to extend your mercy to our friends and loved ones.*

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

*Amen.*

# The Church's One Foundation

Text: Samuel J. Stone • Music: Samuel S. Wesley • Public Domain

Tenor



The church - 's one foun - da - tion is  
E - - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet  
Though with a scorn - ful won - der men  
Je - sus Christ, her Lord; she is His new cre - a - tion by  
one o'er all the earth, her char - ter of sal - va - tion one  
see her sore op - pressed, by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by  
wa - ter and the Word: from heav'n He came and  
Lord, one faith, one birth; one ho - ly name she  
her - e - sies dis - tressed, yet saints their watch are  
sought her to be His ho - ly bride; with  
bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, and  
keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" and  
His own blood He bought her, and for her life he  
to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en -  
soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of  
died.  
dued.  
song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

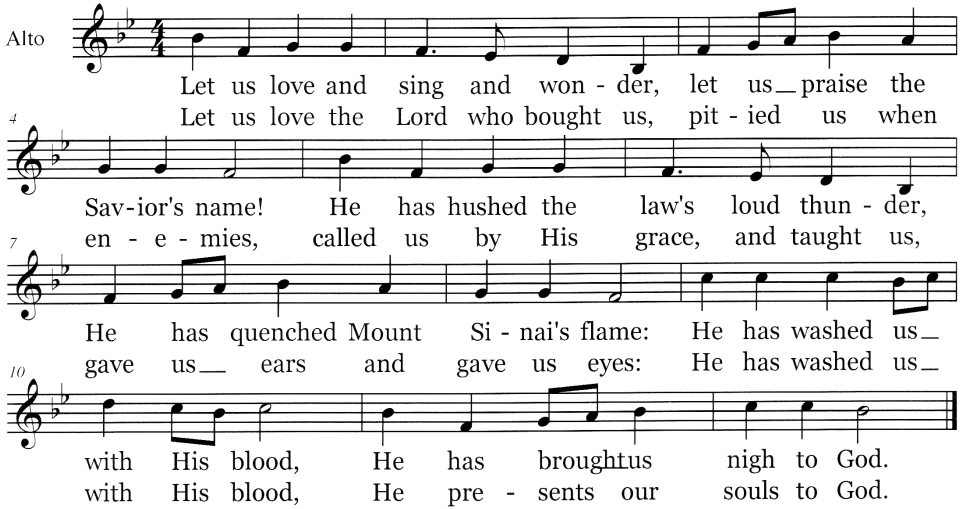
'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

# Let Us Love And Sing And Wonder

Text: John Newton • Music: *Darmstadt Gesangbuch*

Alto



Let us love and sing and won - der, let us\_ praise the  
Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when  
Sav - ior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,  
en - e - mies, called us by His grace, and taught us,  
He has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame: He has washed us\_  
gave us\_ ears and gave us eyes: He has washed us\_  
with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.  
with His blood, He pre - sents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:  
He has washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:  
He has washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
"You have washed us with Your blood; You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

## GOSPEL READING • Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup> for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God,  
and him only shall you serve."

<sup>9</sup> And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,  
to guard you,'

<sup>11</sup> and

"On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

## SERMON • "Good News: Jesus Passed God's Moral Test - For Himself And For Us!" (Rev. Dr. Alan Carter)

**Dr. Carter** served as pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, AL, from 1986-2016. He holds a Ph.D. degree in religious epistemology (apologetics) from the philosophy department of the University of Notre Dame, a Master of Divinity Degree and a Master of Christian Education from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, and a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Mississippi State University. He has taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham Theological Seminary, Beeson Divinity School, and both RTS-Jackson and RTS-Charlotte. Dr. Carter and his wife, Sally, have made over ten overseas mission trips together, and they love encountering God's people from other cultures. They have two married sons, Nathan and Tim, and six grandchildren.





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].)*

# In Sweet Communion

Text: Psalm 73 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



8 In sweet com - mun - ion Lord with you, I  
Your coun - sel through my earth - ly way shall  
Though flesh and heart should faint and fail, the  
To live a - part from God is death, 'tis

3  
8 con - stant - ly a - bide my hand you hold with -  
guide me and con - trol; and then to glo - ry  
Lord will ev - er be the strength and por - tion  
good His face to seek; my re - fuge is the

6  
8 in your own, to keep me near your side Al - le -  
af - ter - ward you will re - ceive my soul.  
of my heart, my God e - ter - nal - ly.  
liv - ing God, His praise I long to speak.

9  
8 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia Al - le -

13  
8 lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia

# May Our God Be Known (Psalm 67)

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1. May our God be known for his grace; May the  
2. Let the na - tions sing and be glad for the

3 earth re-joice in his bless-ing. May our God be known for his  
Lord is com ing with jus-tice. Let the na - tions sing and be

6 love, and the smile that shines from his face. May your  
glad for our God is com - ing with peace. Now let

9 way be known on the earth so that all the na - tions will  
all the ends of the earth fill with ho - ly won - der and

12 sing and re-joice in knowing the God of grace!  
joy, for our God is com-ing to reign as king!

Chords: D, Em7, D/F#, G, D, Em7, D/F#, G, D, D/A, A, D, G/D

*(Repeat Song)*

## BENEDICTION • Numbers 6:24-26

Yahweh bless you and keep you;  
Yahweh make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
Yahweh lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)).

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