

ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY



CALL TO WORSHIP • Zechariah 2:10

"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion,
for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst,
declares Yahweh."

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun

Text: Isaac Watts • Music: John Hatton • Public Domain

Tenor

Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the
sun does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys
run, His king-dom stretch from
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and
wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Exodus 20:2-3

"I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we have loved other gods before you and have become their servants. We have not worshiped you in spirit and in truth. We have brought insult upon your reputation. We have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored others as they deserve. We have hated our neighbors. Our desires are all distorted and misplaced. We have taken for ourselves what did not belong to us. We have lied, slandered, and gossiped. We have coveted the good blessings you gave to others. O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have not kept your law. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Exodus 34:6-7

Yahweh passed before [Moses] and proclaimed, "Yahweh, Yahweh, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty."

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 • 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 Father in heaven, you are over all and through all and in all. All things come from you. We exist for you.

We praise you for all your works, especially in our creation and redemption.

Holy Father, no one has ever seen you, except the One who is at your side.

We thank you for making yourself known to us through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Eternal Father, you loved the Son before the foundation of the world. By your grace you have loved us even as you have loved him.

We love you because you first loved us. We want to know you and love you even as your Son knows you and loves you.

Merciful Father, you did not spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all. *We believe that you sent Jesus to die on the cross to forgive our sins.*

Father of glory, you raised your Son from the dead, and you have given all things into his hands.

We tremble at your power over life and death. We submit to the authority of your Son.

Father, you have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

We adore you for adopting us as your sons and daughters through Christ. We rejoice that you have qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you.

We thank you for your daily care for our physical needs. Please keep our hearts from loving the gifts more than the Giver.

Father of spirits, what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

We trust that you love us, and that you are forming Christ in us through our temporary sufferings. Please have mercy on us in the weakness of our faith, and make us ready for heaven.

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows, you love justice and mercy.

We want to be more like you. Please help us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to put their needs before our own.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, teach us to pray as your Son taught His disciples, saying

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.

The Son Of God Goes Forth To War

Text and Music: Reginald Heber (1812) • Public Domain

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with some words underlined to indicate stress or rhyme. The score includes measures 1 through 15, with lyrics provided for each staff.

1
The Son of God goes forth to war,
The mar - tyr first, whose
A glo - rious band, the
A no - ble ar - my,
forth ea - gle war,
ea cho - sen eye few
men and boys, a could on
the

3
king pierce - ly crown to gain; his blood red ban - ner
pierce - be - yond the grave, who saw his Mas - ter
whom_ the Spir - it came, twelve val - iant saints, their
ma - tron and the maid, a round the Sav - ior's

6
streams in the sky, who and fol lows in his train? Who like
hope they knew, and called on him to save: flame: they
throne re - joice, and mocked on the cross and ar - rayed: they
in robes of light

9
best him, can drink his cup of woe, tri - um - phant o - ver
can with par - don on his tongue in - midst of mor - tal
drink met the ty - rant's bran-dished steel, the li - on's gor - y
climbed steep as cent of heav'n through per - il, toil, and

12
pain, pain, who pa - tient bears his cross be - low, he -
mane; they he prayed for them that did be wrong: who
pain: O bowed to their necks the may grace to feel: who
fol - lows in his train?
fol - lows in his train?
fol - lows in their train?
fol - low in their train.

15

Fairest Lord Jesus

Text: *Münster Gesangbuch* (Anonymous German Hymn, 1677)

Music: Silesian Folk Song (1842) • Public Domain

Tenor

Fair-est Lord Je - sus, Rul-er of all na - ture,
Fair are the mead - ows, fair__ are the wood - lands,
Fair is the sun - shine, fair__ is the moon - light,

Son of God and Son of Man!
Son of Man! and
Son of Man!

Son of God and Son of Man!
Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon - or, thou,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, who
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er than

my souls glo - ry, joy, and crown.
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
all the an - gels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the Nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 22:41-46

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question,⁴² saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.”⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’”?

⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

SERMON • “David’s Son, Yet David’s Lord” (Rev. Eric Costa)

“I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son...” (2 Samuel 7:12-14)

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
‘I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations’...

He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.’
And I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth...

Once for all I have sworn by my holiness;
I will not lie to David.
His offspring shall endure forever,
his throne as long as the sun before me.
Like the moon it shall be established forever,
a faithful witness in the skies.” (from Psalm 89)

I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:3)

*Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected;
yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
by his Son God now has spoken;
'tis the true and faithful Word. (Thomas Kelly)*



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESION 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."

Behold The Lamb (*The Communion Hymn*)

Text & Music: Keith & Kristyn Getty, & Stuart Townend

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Fadd9/A G/B C Dm7 C/E G C/E Fadd9 C/G G7sus G7

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us -
2. The bo - dy of our Sav-iour Je - sus Christ, torn for you -
3. The blood that clean-ses ev - ery stain of sin, shed for you -
4. And so with thank ful - ness and faith we rise to res - pond -

and we re - mem - ber
eat and re - mem - ber;
drink and re - mem - ber
and to re - mem - ber

5 Fadd9/A G/B C Dm7 C/E G C/E Fadd9 G7sus G7 C C/E

the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we
He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we
our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth. As we

9 Fadd9 C/E Fma7 Gadd9 C/E Fadd9 C/E Fadd9 G C/E Fadd9

share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the

14 C/E Fma7 G7sus G7 Fadd9/A Fma7 G7 Cadd9

bonds of peace a - round the tab - le of the King.
bonds of love a - round the tab - le of the King.
bonds of grace a - round the tab - le of the King.
feast of heaven a - round the tab - le of the King.

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

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1 We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

4 hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther

7 We will feast and weep no more. We will not be

11 burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con-

sumed by the flood Up-held pro-tect - ed, ga - thered up

(Chorus)

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

"He has done great things!" we will say together.

We will feast and weep no more!

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
my soul, be not afraid;
for the promised morning— oh, how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

(Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed.

You are the Faithful one.

And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • Deuteronomy 31:8

It is Yahweh who goes before you.
He will be with you;
he will not leave you or forsake you.
Do not fear or be dismayed.

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After Worship Today • There will be no Sunday School or Sermon Discussion today.

Newcomers' Lunch • After Worship today at the Costa home (1890 SE Maple Street, Hillsboro).

Midweek Studies

- 8:15am Tue. men's study at Longbottom Coffee: 1 Samuel
Contact: Eric Costa (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)
- 1:30pm Wed. women's study: the Book of Ruth
Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com)
- 6:30am Thu. men's study at the Starbucks on Walker & 158th: *Habits of the Household* (Earley)
Contact: Joe Pope (pope.joe@gmail.com)
- 7pm Thu. women's study of *Behold and Believe* (Doctor & Kimbrel)
Contact: Holly McGarry (hollykliewer8@gmail.com)

Youth Group • There will be no youth group this week.

Good Friday Service • 7pm Fri., March 29.

Easter Potluck Breakfast • 8:30am Sun., March 31.

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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