



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP • Luke 9:23-24

Jesus said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it."

As We Walk Along Beside You

Text: Michael A. Perry (Luke 24)

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission



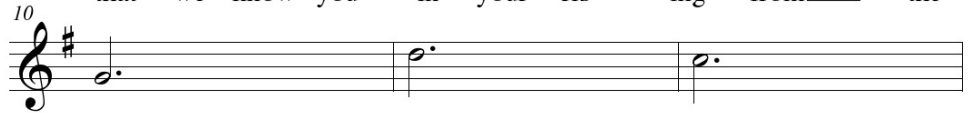
As we walk a - long be - side you and we hear you
As we ask that you stay with us, and we watch what
As we reach for you be - liev - ing and we go to



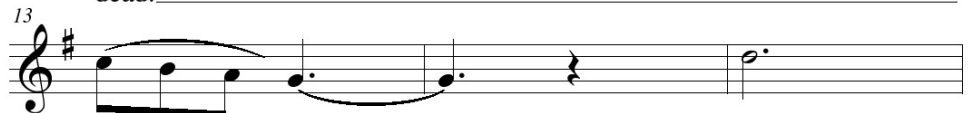
4 speak of mer - cy then it seems our hearts are burn - ing
you are do - ing then our eyes be - gin to o - pen,
love and serve you, then our lives will be pro-claim-ing,



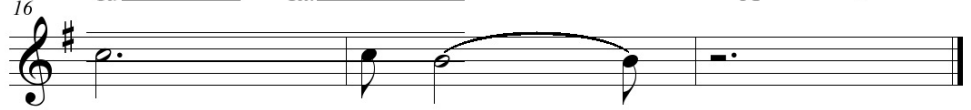
7 for we find you in the shar - ing of _____ the
for we see you in the break - ing of _____ the
that we know you in your ris - ing from _____ the



10 word. A - - - le - - -
bread. _____
dead. _____



13 lu _____ ia. _____ A -



16 le - - lu - ia. _____

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Psalm 130:3-4

If you, O Yahweh, should mark iniquities,
 O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
 that you may be feared.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Blessed Trinity, you dwell in the sheer delight of eternal communion. You are the Lord of joy, and you have made us and blessed us to share your joy in relationship with you. But we have sought our happiness apart from you, in the things you have made, in the works of our own hands, in anything and everything but you. Nevertheless, Lord Jesus, it was your pleasure to welcome us back into your own joy, even though it meant your death to do so. Even though we don't deserve it, please forgive us and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Make your own joy to be our strength. Grant that our greatest delight would be in knowing you and making you known, to the glory of your Blessed Name. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in Yahweh!
 For with Yahweh there is steadfast love,
 and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
 from all his iniquities.

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 • 2 Chronicles 36:15-23

Yahweh, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of Yahweh rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

¹⁷ Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand. ¹⁸ And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of Yahweh, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. ¹⁹ And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. ²⁰ He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, ²¹ to fulfill the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

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...

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.

Glorify Your Name

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Fa - ther we love you we wor-ship and a - dore you,
5
8 glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth, glo -
9
8 ri - fy your name, glo - ri - fy
14
8 your name, glo - ri - fy your name
19
8 in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name,
glorify your name in all the earth.

Only In God (Psalm 62)

Text & Music: John Michael Talbot • © 1980 Birdwing Music / BMI Songs

1. On ly in God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal -
2. On - ly in God is found safe - - ty when my en - e - my pur -

7 C G/B Am G
- va - tion He on - ly is my rock, my -
-sues me On - ly in God is found glo - - ry, when

13 F G C F
strength, and my sal - va - tion My strong - hold, my -
I am found meek and found low - ly.

19 Am F G Am F
sav - ior, I shall not be a - fraid at all, my strong - hold,

26 Am F G C C
my sav - ior, I shall not be moved. 3. On - ly in

34 G/B Am G F G C
God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal - va - tion.

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 24:1-28

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹ "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

¹⁵ "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸ and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹ And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²² And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "The End of the Age"



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 Sweet Communion

Text: Psalm 73

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Tenor

The musical score is written for a Tenor voice part. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a '8' below the clef. The second staff starts with a '3' above the clef and an '8' below it. The third staff starts with a '6' above the clef and an '8' below it. The fourth staff starts with a '9' above the clef and an '8' below it. The fifth staff starts with a '13' above the clef and an '8' below it. The lyrics are: 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 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 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. lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia Al - le - lu - ia, - Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia

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.

9
8 liv - ing God, His praise I long to speak.
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - - - - ia Al - le -

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

Rock Of Ages

Text: Augustus M. Toplady • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8 Rock of A - ges cleft for me, let me hide my -
Not the la - bors of my hands, can ful - fil thy
4 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy
self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
8 law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
7 cross I cling; na - ked come to thee for dress;
8 from thy ri - ven side which flowed, be of sin the
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
10 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the
8 dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
13 Foun - tain fly; wash me Sav - ior or I die.
8 Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me! Let me
16 hide my - self in thee! Rock of Ag - es, cleft for
19 me! Oh my Je - sus res - cue me!

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

(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 • Join us at 11:30 for Sunday School (kids) and Sermon Discussion (adults).

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: 1 Samuel
Contact: Cheryl Boden (wu.gardens@gmail.com)
- 7pm Thu. women's study of *Behold and Believe* (Doctor & Kimbrel)
Contact: Holly McGarry (hollykiewer8@gmail.com)

Youth Group • 6:30pm to 8pm Wednesdays. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us and to invite their friends. Contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com).

Dinner at the Hamiltons' • 4pm Sun., April 28, at the home of Joe & Nicole Hamilton (1000 Madison Drive, Newberg). Dinner will be provided; feel free to bring snacks, desserts, or drinks to share.

Church Campout • Aug. 23-25 at Nehalem Bay State Park.
To register, contact Rob Stevenson (robert.james.stevenson@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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- I am a visitor.
- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
- Please send me the email newsletter.
- Please use this info for the photo directory.