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CALL TO WORSHIP • James 5:8

Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

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 hath health and with
dore Him! All that hath life and breath,



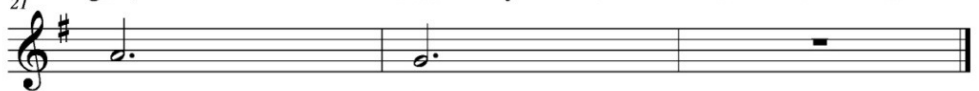
He is thy health and sal - va - tion!
wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth!
mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
come now with prais - es be - fore Him.



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 • Jeremiah 2:12-13

“Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares Yahweh,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living waters,
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,
broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

*We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name.
We are more ready to resent than to forgive,
more ready to manipulate than to serve,
more ready to fear than to love,
more ready to keep our distance than to welcome,
more ready to compete than to help.
We do not love one another as we should,
because we do not believe that you love us as you do.
Forgive us our cold unbelief.
And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross.
Show us what it cost you to give up your Son
that we might become your sons and daughters.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. Amen.*

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Jeremiah 3:22a

“Return, O faithless sons;
I will heal your faithlessness.”

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

OFFERING • Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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 41:5-13

- 5 My enemies say of me in malice,
 “When will he die, and his name perish?”
- 6 And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
 while his heart gathers iniquity;
 when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- 7 All who hate me whisper together about me;
 they imagine the worst for me.
- 8 They say, *“A deadly thing is poured out on him;
 he will not rise again from where he lies.”*
- 9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
 who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- 10 But you, O Yahweh, be gracious to me,
 and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- 11 By this I know that you delight in me:
 my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- 12 But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
 and set me in your presence forever.
- 13 Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel,
 from everlasting to everlasting!
 Amen and Amen.

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...

Jesus, remember us when you come in your kingdom,

Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers.

For all who carry out your ministries within your church,

We ask for grace and wisdom.

For those who don't yet believe the gospel,

We ask for your faithful love.

For governors and rulers in every land,

We ask for your guidance.

For people who suffer and grieve,

We ask for your healing peace.

Holy God, your Son, Jesus Christ has spoken to us the word of reconciliation. We come to you now in the words he taught us, 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.

Abide With Me

Text: Henry Lyte • Music: Justin Smith • ©2007 Justin Smith Music

Tenor

8 A - bide with me; — fastfallsthe e - ven -
3 Thou on my head, in — ear - ly youth didst
8 tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a -
6 smile; And, though re - bel - lious, - and per - verse mean -
8 bide. When oth - er help - ers, fail and com - forts
9 while, Thou hast not left me, oft as I left
8 flee, help of the help - less, a - bide with me.
Thee, on to the close Lord, a - bide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life and death, Lord, abide with me.

Only In God (Psalm 62)

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a single melodic line in the treble clef. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting at measure 1 and the second column starting at measure 7. The score is divided into systems, with measure numbers 7, 13, 19, 26, and 34 marking the beginning of new systems. Chord symbols (C, G/B, Am, G, F) are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 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 - va - tion He on - ly is my rock, my - sues me On - ly in God is found glo - - ry, when strength, and my sal - va - tion My strong - hold, my I am found meek and found low - ly. sav - ior, I shall not be a - fraid at all, my strong - hold, my sav - ior, I shall not be moved. 3. On - ly in God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my sal - va - tion.

C G/B Am G F G

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 26:47-56

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "True Freedom"

"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free... If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:31-32, 36)

"You were called to freedom... Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." (Galatians 5:13)

"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor." (1 Peter 2:16-17)



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him. 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 Mercy Broken

Lyric: Reginald Heber • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

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' label. The lyrics are: 'Bread of the world, in mercy broken, Look on the heart by sorrow broken, Wine of the ken, Look on the ken, 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 on both sides.

God Is The Strength Of My Heart

Text: Psalm 73 (1912 Psalter) • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

8
God-is good to His peo - ple, His mer-cy to me,
5
8
is al-ways un - fail - ing, though I could not see.
9
8
And when my faith fal - tered, I en-vied the proud.
13
8
In doubt and dis - qui - et my spir - it was bowed.
17
8
Trust-in the Lord God, He is un-fail - ing,
21
8
He is the strength of my heart ev - er more!
the good and the pure.

The wicked all prosper, and firm is their health;
they suffer no pangs as they gather their wealth.
They never are troubled with sickness or pain,
but boast to all others of ill-gotten gain.

(Chorus)

They question God's knowledge and boldly defy
the might and the justice of God the Most High.
The wicked grow wealthy, have comfort and peace,
while I, daily chastened, see troubles increase.

(Chorus)

In doubt and temptation, I rest Lord in you;
my hand is in your hand, whatever I do.
You always are with me; you guide with your word,
and soon into glory will take me, O Lord.

(Chorus)

Whom have I, O Savior, in heaven but you?
On earth for none other I long but for you.
My flesh and my heart may be weakened and sore,
but God is the strength of my heart evermore.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times in every way.
The Lord be with you all.

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Parking • Enter the parking lot from Walnut Street. The 12th Ave. entrance will remain closed to provide our children with a car-safe play area. Bring bikes and scooters for extra fun!

Community Setup & "Refreshments" • 8:45am Sundays. Coffee/tea/donuts will be available at 9:30.

Picnic Lunch • After Worship on Sun., July 28, at Walnut Street Park.

Church Campout • Aug. 23-25 at Nehalem Bay State Park.

To register, contact Rob Stevenson (robert.james.stevenson@gmail.com).

Committees! • We want to provide folks with opportunities to be involved in various aspects of our church's life and ministry. If you're interested, several groups will soon be making plans for upcoming months. For more information, or if you'd like to help, please connect with the contact person(s):

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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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