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THE WORD


CALL TO WORSHIP • Revelation 19:5

From the throne came a voice saying,
“Praise our God, all you his servants,
you who fear him, small and great.”

All Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Text: Johann Schultze

Music: *Mit Freuden Zart*, arr. Ascension Presbyterian Church

8 All praise to God who reigns a - bove the
What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his
I cried to him in time of need: Lord
The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his
Ye who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to
Then come be - fore His pre - sence now and

3
8 God of all cre - a - tion the God of won - ders
grac - ious mer - cy keep - eth. By morn - ing glow or
God, O hear my call - ing! For death he gave me
chos - en gen - er - a - tion; He is their re - fuge
God give praise and glo - ry! Ye who the Fath - er's
ba - nish fear and sad - ness; To your Re - deem - er

6
8 powr and love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With
eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth; With -
life in - deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For
and their rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As
pow'r pro - claim, to God give praise and glo - ry! All
pay your vow and sing with joy and glad - ness: Though

9
8 heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - ery
in the king - dom of his might, Lo! all is just and
this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our
with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his
i - dols un - der foot be trod, the Lord is God! The
great dis - tress my soul be - fell, the Lord, my God, did

12
8 sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
all is right, To God all praise and glo - ry!
God with me, To God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!
Lord is God! To God all praise and glo - ry!
all things well, To God all praise and glo - ry!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Jeremiah 32:39-40

"I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them. I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Lord, fearing you is the foundation of wisdom. We have been fools to fear anything or anyone else. You have told us not to be afraid, unless it is the fear of you. We have neglected this comfort, ignored your command, and disdained your majesty. We crucified you, just to be able to fear anything but you. "But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared." Teach us your great works and grant to us your Spirit of wisdom, so that we may know how to live with you, free of all worldly fears, to the glory of your holy and awesome name. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Jeremiah 31:33-34

"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares Yahweh: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know Yahweh,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares Yahweh. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

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

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

As you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

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 • Lamentations 3:19-24, 49-50

- 19 Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!
- 20 My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.
- 21 But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
- 22 The steadfast love of Yahweh never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
- 23 they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
- 24 "Yahweh is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him" ...
- 49 "My eyes will flow without ceasing,
without respite,
- 50 until Yahweh from heaven
looks down and sees.

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...

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray, and to offer our petitions to you in his name.

Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of all generations, you formed your church from the despised of the earth and showed them mercy that they might proclaim salvation to all.

Strengthen those you have chosen that they may faithfully endure all trials by which you conform your church to the cross of Christ through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of comfort, you bear the pain of the world and stand with those who sorrow.

Look with compassion on those who are troubled, cheer them by your word, and bring them healing as a sign of your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us as we pray in the Spirit of your Beloved Son, as he 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.

To You, O Lord, I Lift My Eyes

Text: Psalm 123 • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor



8 To You, O Lord, I lift my eyes,
O Lord our God, Your mer - cy show,
4 To You en - throned a - bove the skies.
7 For hu - man pride and scorn we know.
8 As ser - vants
10 Re - proach and
8 watch their mas - ter's hand, Or
13 shame your saints en - dure, From
8 maid - ens by their mis - tress stand,
16 sin - ners who ap - pear se - cure.
8 So to the Lord our eyes we raise,
20 To You O Lord, I lift my eyes,
8 Un - til His mer - cy He dis - plays.
To You en - throned a - bove the skies.

We Rest on Thee

Text: Edith G. Cherry, ca. 1895 (based on 2 Chronicles 14:11)

Music: *Finlandia*, arr. Jean Sibelius • Public Domain

“We rest on thee”—our shield and our defender!

We go not forth alone against the foe;
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,”
strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.”

Yea, “in thy name,” O Captain of salvation!

In thy dear name, all other names above;
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
our Prince of glory and our King of love,
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
our Prince of glory and our King of love.

“We go” in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
and needing more each day thy grace to know:

yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,”

yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,

“We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.”

“We rest on thee”—our shield and our defender!

Thine is the battle, thine shall be the praise
when passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
victors—we rest with thee, through endless days,
when passing through the gates of pearly splendor,
victors—we rest with thee, through endless days.

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 26:69 – 27:10

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” ⁷¹ And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷² And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” ⁷³ After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” ⁷⁴ Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

^{27:1} When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. ² And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.

³ Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, ⁴ saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” They said, “What is that to us? See to it yourself.” ⁵ And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, “It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷ So they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field as a burial place for strangers. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, “And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, ¹⁰ and they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “When You Can’t Live With Yourself”

“I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

“When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ He said to him a second time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.’ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’” (John 21:15-19)



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • Philippians 2:6-11

What do you believe about Jesus Christ?

I believe that Jesus Christ, being God, made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born a man. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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].)

O Sacred Head

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux • Music: J. S. Bach • Public Domain

Alto

O sa - cred Head now wound - ed with
3
grief and shame weighed down; now scorn-ful - ly sur -
6
round - ed with thorns thine on - ly crown; O
9
sa - cred Head what glo - ry, what bliss till now was
12
thine! Yet, though de - spised and gor - y I
15
joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered, was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

O make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

I Lay My Sins On Jesus

Text: Horatius Bonar (1843)

Music: Bartholomaeus Gesius (1605) • Public Domain

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'I Lay My Sins On Jesus'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The lyrics are: 'I lay my sins on Je - sus, the I lay my needs on Je - sus; all I rest my soul on Je - sus, this I long to be like Je - sus, meek, spot - less Lamb of God; he bears them all, and ful - ness dwells in him; he heals all my dis - wea - ry soul of mine; his right hand me - em - lov - ing, low - ly, mild; I long to be like frees us from the ac - curs - ed load: I eas - es, he doth my soul re - deem: I brac - es, I on his breast re - cline. I Je - sus, the Fa - ther's ho - ly child: I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my love the name of Je - sus, Im - man uel, Christ, the long to be with Je - sus a - mid the heav'n - ly stains white in his blood most pre - cious, till cares; he from them all re - leas - es, he Lord; like fra - grance on the breez - es his throng, to sing with saints his prais - es, to not a spot re - mains. all my sor - rows shares. name a - broad is poured. learn the an - gels' song.'

1
I lay my sins on Je - sus, the
I lay my needs on Je - sus; all
I rest my soul on Je - sus, this
I long to be like Je - sus, meek,

3
spot - less Lamb of God; he bears them all, and
ful - ness dwells in him; he heals all my dis -
wea - ry soul of mine; his right hand me - em -
lov - ing, low - ly, mild; I long to be like

6
frees us from the ac - curs - ed load: I
eas - es, he doth my soul re - deem: I
brac - es, I on his breast re - cline. I
Je - sus, the Fa - ther's ho - ly child: I

9
bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son
lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my
love the name of Je - sus, Im - man uel, Christ, the
long to be with Je - sus a - mid the heav'n - ly

12
stains white in his blood most pre - cious, till
cares; he from them all re - leas - es, he
Lord; like fra - grance on the breez - es his
throng, to sing with saints his prais - es, to

15
not a spot re - mains.
all my sor - rows shares.
name a - broad is poured.
learn the an - gels' song.

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

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.

Church Potluck • After Worship next Sunday (Aug. 11), at the home of Brian & Rainy Aznoe. Hot dogs will be provided—please bring sides/desserts/drinks to share.

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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