



ASCENSION
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CALL TO WORSHIP • 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

Oh give thanks to Yahweh; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek Yahweh rejoice!

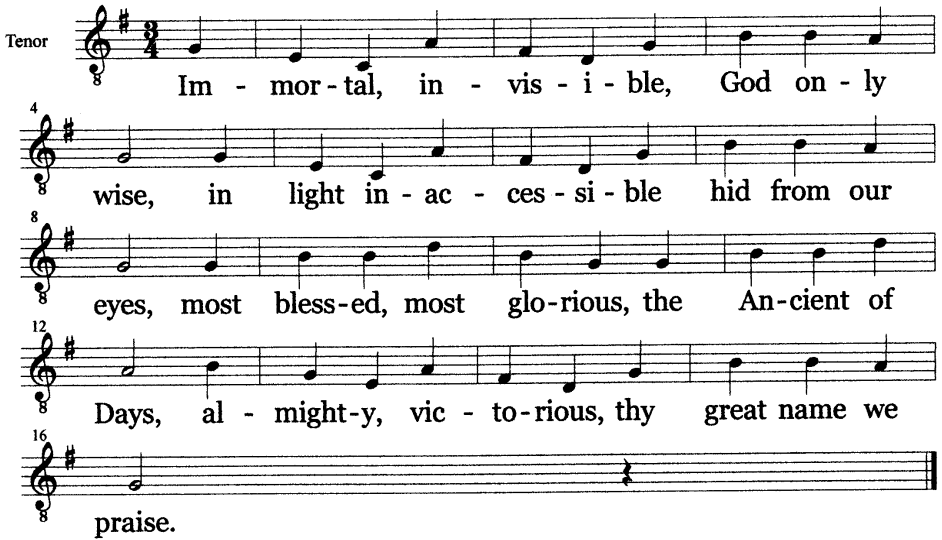
Seek Yahweh and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Immortal, Invisible

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh Melody • Public Domain

Tenor



Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly
wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our
eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of
Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we
praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Joel 2:12-13

“Yet even now,” declares Yahweh,
“return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
and rend your hearts and not your garments.”
Return to Yahweh your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;
and he relents over disaster.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. We have tried to heal ourselves. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have tried to work off our guilt. We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins. When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction. Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have tried to change through our own efforts. We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower. This has left some of us arrogant. This has left most of us anxious and depressed. Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Joel 2:32

Everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh shall be saved.

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

OFFERING • 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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 22

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

3 Yet you are holy,
 enthroned on the praises of Israel.

4 In you our fathers trusted;
 they trusted, and you delivered them.

5 To you they cried and were rescued;
 in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

6 But I am a worm and not a man,
 scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

7 All who see me mock me;
 they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

8 "He trusts in Yahweh; let him deliver him;
 let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
 you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

10 On you was I cast from my birth,
 and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

11 Be not far from me,
 for trouble is near,
 and there is none to help.

12 Many bulls encompass me;
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

13 they open wide their mouths at me,
 like a ravening and roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water,
 and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
 it is melted within my breast;

15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
 and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
 you lay me in the dust of death.

16 For dogs encompass me;
 a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—

17 I can count all my bones—
 they stare and gloat over me;

18 they divide my garments among them,
 and for my clothing they cast lots.

19 But you, O Yahweh, do not be far off!
 O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

20 Deliver my soul from the sword,
 my precious life from the power of the dog!

21 Save me from the mouth of the lion!
 You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

- 22 I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
- 23 You who fear Yahweh, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- 24 For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
- 26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise Yahweh!
May your hearts live forever!
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to Yahweh,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.
- 28 For kingship belongs to Yahweh,
and he rules over the nations.
- 29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.
- 30 Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
- 31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

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...

(Elder leads in prayer)

And now we join together with the Lord in the prayer 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.

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
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men
8 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
7 see her sore op - pressed, by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by
8 wa - ter and the Word: from heav'n He came and
Lord, one faith, one birth; one ho - ly name she
10 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
13 keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" and
8 His own blood He bought her, and for her life he
to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en -
16 soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of
8 died.
died.
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.

Who Is Like The Lord, Our God? (Psalm 113)

Text: Wendell Kimbrough • Music: Bruce Benedict & Wendell Kimbrough • © 2013 Cardiphonia Music

Our Fa - ther_ He lifts from the
3 ash - es, _ He rais - es_ the poor and_ the lost. _ He
6 seats them to dine at_ His ta - ble, _ to
8 feast with - out mon - ey_ or cost. _ The
10 lone - ly_ He set - tles_ in fam - 'lies, _ the
12 bar - ren, _ a mo - ther_ He makes. _ O
14 hap - py_ the heart of_ the stran - ger_ who's
16 wel - comed by this King_ of Grace. Who is like the
19 Lord our God? Who with glo - ry fills the sky? But
22 hum - bles_ Him - self with the bro - ken_ to dwell,
24 who is like our God?

Though equal to God in his glory, Christ Jesus became like a slave;
he humbled himself in obedience to death, and the cross, and the grave.

Victorious, he rose to the highest; in glory, the Savior was raised.
His name above all names exalted; the heavens and earth sing his praise.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

O saints, fix your eyes on the Savior and count all your righteousness loss.
Be found in his love and his favor, and share in his death on the cross.

That all of his power in vict'ry, imparted to you, may abound;
and sharing the sufferings of Jesus, you share in his glory and crown.

*Who is like the Lord, our God? Who with glory fills the sky?
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell, who is like our God?*

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 27:32-54

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross.³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull),³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there.³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him."⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, "I am the Son of God."⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink.⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.⁵² (The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised,⁵³ and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.)^{1 54} When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • "The Son of God"

"'On that day,' declares the Lord Yahweh, 'I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.'" (Amos 8:9-10)

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.'" (Galatians 3:13)

¹ Parentheses added to indicate that these events happened later, "after his resurrection."



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Nicene Creed

What do you believe?

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 Or, "universal."

The Love of God

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1.The love of God is great - er far than tongue or pen— can ev - er
2.When years of time shall pass a - way, and earth - ly thrones and king - domes
3.Could we with ink the o - ceans fill, and were the skies— of parch - ment



tell; It goes be - yond— the high - est star, and reach - es to— the low - est
fall; When men, who here— re - fuse to pray, on rocks and hills— and moun - tains
made, were ev - 'ry stalk— on earth a quill, and ev - 'ry man— a scribe by



hell; The guil - ty pair,— bowed down with care,— God gave His Son— to
call, God's love so sure,— shall— en - dure,— all mea - sure - less— and
trade, to write the love— of God a - bove,— would drain the o - - cean



win;— His er - ring child— He rec - on - ciled, and par - doned from his
strong;— re - deem - ing grace— to A - dam's race; the saints and— ang - els
dry;— Nor could the scroll— con - tain the whole, the stretched from— sky to



sin. O love of God,—how rich and pure!—How mea - sure - less and strong! It shall for -
song.
sky.



- ev - er - more— en - dure— the saints and an - gels— song.

Jesus Lives And So Shall I

Text: Christian F. Gellert • Music: Matthew Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Je - sus lives, and so shall I, death, thy sting is
gone for - ev - er. He who deigned for me to die,
still re - main - ing. I shall al - so be with Him,
lives, the bands of death to sev - er. He shall raise me
ev - er liv - ing ev - er reign - ing. God has prom - ised
from the dust: Je - sus is my hope and trust!_ He lives! He
be it must, Je - sus is my hope and trust!_
lives! Je - sus lives!_ He lives! He lives! and so shall
!!

Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,
I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus)

Jesus lives, I know full well, naught from him my heart can sever,
life nor death, nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus)

Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is my hope and trust!

(Chorus x2)

BENEDICTION • 2 John 3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us,
from God the Father
and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son,
in truth and love.

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

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

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

August Fellowship Dinners • The evening women's bible study is taking a break for the summer, but will be meeting together as families for worship and fellowship some evenings in August. All are welcome to join. **On Aug. 27 at the Stevensons' home** we will eat dinner together at 6pm and conclude by 8pm. RSVP to JoAnna Stevenson (reay.jo@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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Name(s)

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