



ASCENSION
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CALL TO WORSHIP • 1 Chronicles 16:28-30

Ascribe to Yahweh, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength!

Ascribe to Yahweh the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!

Worship Yahweh in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

Text: Edward Perronet • Music: Oliver Holden • Public Domain

Alto

The image shows a musical score for an Alto voice part. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo and meter are 4/4. The lyrics are: "All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of all." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

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an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al
di - a - dem and crown Him Lord of
all; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and
crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,
join in the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
Join in the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Zechariah 12:10

"I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn."

CONFESSION OF SIN

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Zechariah 13:1

"On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness."

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 88:1-12

- 1 O Yahweh, God of my salvation,
I cry out day and night before you.
- 2 Let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry!
- 3 For my soul is full of troubles,
and my life draws near to Sheol.
- 4 I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I am a man who has no strength,
5 like one set loose among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
for they are cut off from your hand.
- 6 You have put me in the depths of the pit,
in the regions dark and deep.
- 7 Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.
- 8 You have caused my companions to shun me;
you have made me a horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
9 my eye grows dim through sorrow.
Every day I call upon you, O Yahweh;
I spread out my hands to you.
- 10 Do you work wonders for the dead?
Do the departed rise up to praise you?
- 11 Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
- 12 Are your wonders known in the darkness,
or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

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, Father of all mercies, we, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

And we pray as our Savior 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.

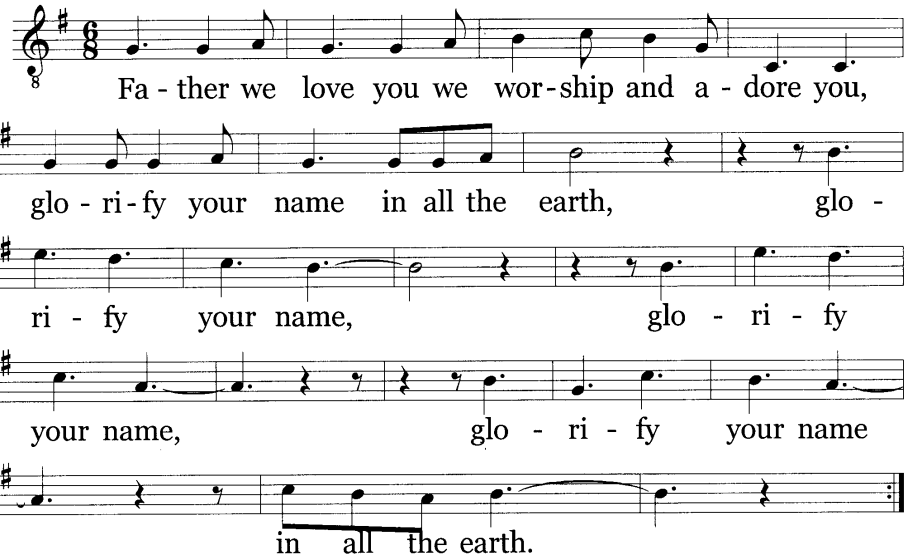
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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.

Psalm 121

Text: 1615 Scottish Psalter

Music: Dundee (Th. Ravenscroft) • Public Domain



I to the hills will lift mine eyes. From
Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will he
The LORD thee keeps, the LORD thy shade on
The LORD shall keep thy soul. He shall pre -



whence doth come mine aid? My safe - ty com - eth
slum - ber that thee keeps. Be - hold, he that keeps
thy right hand doth stay. The moon by night thee
serve thee from all ill. Hence - forth thy go - ing



from the LORD, who heav'n and earth hath made.
Is - ra - el, he slum - bers not, nor sleeps.
shall not smite, nor yet the sun by day.
out and in God keep for - ev - er will.

GOSPEL READING • Matthew 27:55-61

There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷ When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸ He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹ Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “Buried”

“I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:19)

“The eye of him who sees me will behold me no more; while your eyes are on me, I shall be gone. As the cloud fades and vanishes so he who goes down to Sheol does not come up; he returns no more to his house, nor does his place know him anymore.” (Job 7:8-10)

“Some day we shall be buried. Some day a company of men will process out to a churchyard and lower a coffin and everyone will go home; but one will not come back, and that will be me. The seal of death will be that they will bury me as a thing that is superfluous and disturbing in the land of the living... This is the judgment on man, that in the grave he drops into forgottenness. That is God’s answer to sin: there is nothing else to be done with sinful man, except to bury him and forget him.” (Karl Barth)

“He: ‘Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, I will go away to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense.’” (Song of Solomon 4:6)

“Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!” (Psalm 139:7-8)

“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” (Romans 6:4)



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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 The Deep, Deep Love Of Jesus

Text: Samuel Trevor Francis • Music: Thomas J. Williams • Public Domain

Tenor

8
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus,
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus,
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus,

5
Vast, un - mea - sured, bound - less, free!
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
Love of every love the best!

9
Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean In its
How He love - eth, e - ver love - eth, Chang - eth
14 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing 'Tis a
full - ness o - ver me! Un - der - neath me,
nev - er, nev - er - more! How He watch - es
19 hav - en sweet of rest! O the deep, deep
all a - round me, Is the cur - rent
23 O'er His loved ones, Died to call them
love of Je - sus, 'Tis a heav'n of
of Thy love Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing
28 all His own; How for them he in - ter -
heav'ns to me; And it lifts me up to
home - ward ced - eth, To Thy glo - rious rest a - bove!
glor - y, Watch - eth o'er them from the throne!
For it lifts me up to Thee!

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore • © 2015 Drink Your Tea Music

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It begins with a 4/4 time signature and a repeat sign. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things we will say to - ge - ther We will feast and weep no more. We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not consumed by the flood Up-held pro-tect - ed, ga - thered up". The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, and 11. There are changes in time signature to 2/4 and 4/4 later in the piece.

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 • 2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with your spirit.
Grace be with you.

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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.

Men’s Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Sept. 7, at the Stevensons’ “clubhouse” (RSVP to Rob). Please bring something to share for our meal together. After we eat, we’ll discuss 1 Peter 5.

Sunday School • Are you interested in serving the children/youth of our congregation? You could help with Sunday School! We plan to get started again on Sept. 8, so now is the time to coordinate volunteers. Contact [Tim Sery \(fiby2020@gmail.com\)](mailto:Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com)).

Youth Group • Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8pm, beginning on Sept. 18.

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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- I want to know more about being a Christian.
- I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
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