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CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 33:1-5 (*responsive*)

Shout for joy in Yahweh, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Give thanks to Yahweh with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of Yahweh is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

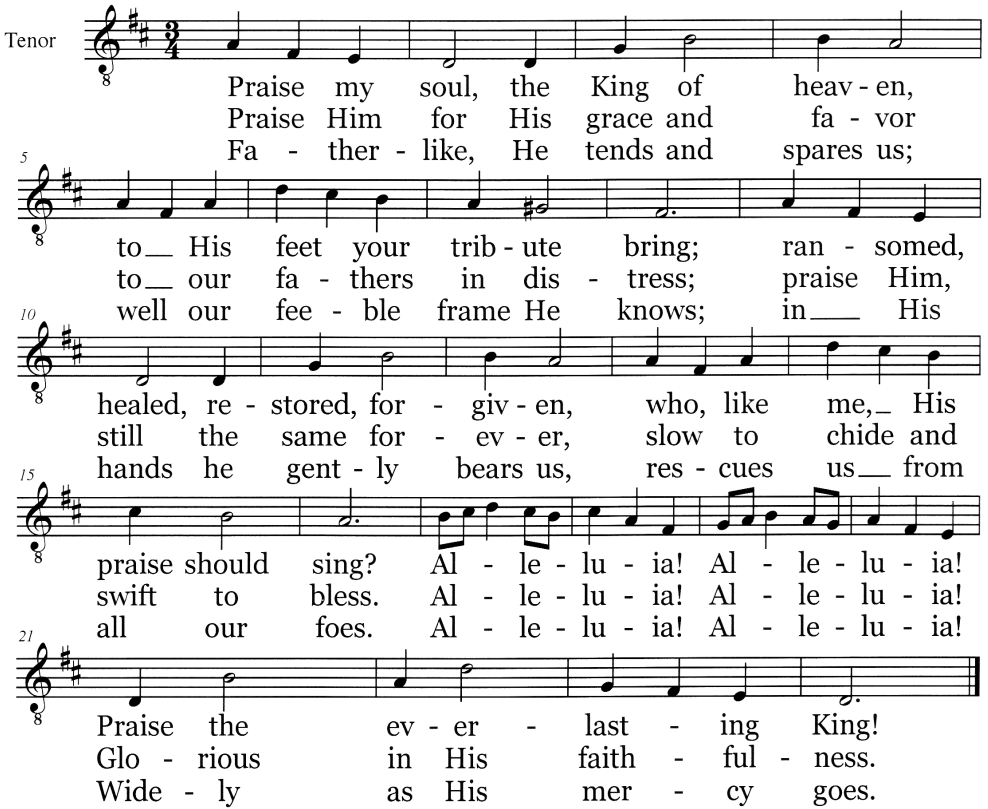
He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of Yahweh.

Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven

Text: Henry F. Lyte • Music: Mark Andrews • Public Domain

Tenor



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Praise my soul, the King of heav-en,
Praise Him for His grace and fa-vor
Fa-ther-like, He tends and spares us;

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to His feet your trib-ute bring; ran-somed,
to our fa-thers in dis-tress; praise Him,
well our fee-ble frame He knows; in His

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healed, re-stored, for-giv-en, who, like me, His
still the same for-ev-er, slow to chide and
hands he gent-ly bears us, res-cues us from

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praise should sing? Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
swift to bless. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
all our foes. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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Praise the ev-er-last-ing King!
Glo-rious in His faith-ful-ness.
Wide-ly as His mer-cy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One!

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • John 15:26; 16:8

“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me... And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”

CONFESSION OF SIN

*Father, you are the potter, we are the clay;
we are all the work of your hands, and apart from you we are nothing.
By our sin, we have corrupted your good creation and ourselves,
and in our insolence we have complained about you,
blaming you for the evil we have brought into the world.
But you, and you alone, are righteous and holy,
and in your presence no sinner can stand.
Your mercy is our only hope.*

Forgive us.

*By your cleansing touch, wash away all our corruption,
clothe us in your own righteousness and holiness,
and rework the broken clay of our lives.
Turn us into vessels for honorable use in your household.
We pray in the holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • John 15:13

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

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 • Hosea 2:16, 19-20

“In that day, declares Yahweh, you will call me ‘My Husband’... ¹⁹ And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. ²⁰ I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know Yahweh.”

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...

Through Jesus, whom we confess as Lord,
we give thanks and praise to the Father, calling on him who is judge of all:
Father, your kingdom come.

For all the peoples of the world;
that they may know you as the God of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:
Father, your kingdom come.

For nations, leaders and governments;
that integrity may mark all their dealings, we pray to you O Lord:
Father, your kingdom come.

For all who labor for righteousness;
that your presence may give them courage, we pray to you, O Lord:
Father, your kingdom come.

For communities torn by dissension and strife;
that your forgiveness may bring them healing, we pray to you, O Lord:
Father, your kingdom come.

For the anxious, the lonely, the bereaved;
that consolation and peace may be theirs, we pray to you, O Lord:
Father, your kingdom come.

For the Church, your household and family;
that she may be firm in the confession of her hope, we pray to you, O Lord:
Father, your kingdom come.

For our pastor, elders, and deacons, and for all who bear Christ's name;
that their lives may proclaim your glory, we pray to you, O Lord:
Father, your kingdom come.

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that
great shepherd of the sheep: make us perfect in all goodness to do your will
and to be what you would have us be; through him to whom be glory
forever, Jesus Christ our Lord.

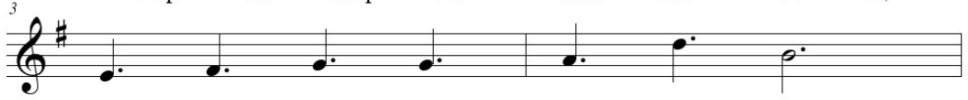
Amen.

Come, Oh Come, O Quickening Spirit

Text and Music: Heinrich Held (1620-1659), arr. Chip Ueltschey



Come, oh come, O quick - 'ning Spi - rit,
On - ly that which you de - sire
Bless - ed Spi - rit, still re - new - ing
Help us keep the faith for - ev - er;



God be - fore the dawn of time!
be our ob - ject; with your hand
all who dwell up - on the earth,
let not Sa - tan, death, or shame



Fire our hearts with ho - ly ar - dor,
lead our ev - 'ry thought and ac - tion,
when the e - vil one as - sails us
draw us from you or de - prive us



bles - sed Com - for - ter sub - lime!
let us be at your com - mand.
help us prove our heav'n - ly birth;
of the hon - or of your name.



Let your ra - diance fill our night,
All our sin - ful - ness e - rase
Arm us with your might - y sword
When the foe would lure us hence,



turn - ing dark - ness in - to light.
with the in - crease of your grace.
in the le - gions of the Lord.
be, O God, our sure de - fense.

Come, Holy Ghost

Text: Rhabanus Maurus (A.D. 776-856); chorus by Ray Mills (2005)

Music: Bruce Benedict & Ray Mills

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The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Come, Holy Ghost'. It consists of seven staves of music in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first line of lyrics and a double bar line at the end of the second line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, O com - fort - er, to Thee we cry, and in our hearts take up Thy rest; Thou heav'n - ly gift of God most high; Come with Thy grace and heav'n-ly aid to fill our Thou fount of life, and fire of love, and sweet an - hearts which Thou hast made, to fill our noint - ing from a - bove, and sweet a - hearts which Thou hast made. Be not a - noint - ting from a - bove. fraid, where you go there I am with you.'

O Holy Ghost, through thee alone know we the Father and the Son;
be this our firm, unchanging creed, that thou dost from them both proceed,
that thou dost from them both proceed.

(Chorus x2)

Praise we the Lord, Father and Son, and Holy Spirit with them one;
and may the Son on us bestow all gifts that from the Spirit flow,
all gifts that from the Spirit flow.

(Chorus x2)

GOSPEL READING • John 17:1-3

Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

SERMON • “Our Theology of Ministry”

“This prayer leads us into the very heart of the ministry and message of Jesus.” (Lesslie Newbigin)

“The purpose and the fruit of our whole life is the knowledge of the Trinity in unity.” (Thomas Aquinas)

“What is the best thing in life, bringing more joy, delight, and contentment than anything else? Knowledge of God.” (J. I. Packer)

“Know that Yahweh your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.” (Deuteronomy 7:9)

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

“The life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us... We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.” (1 John 1:2; 5:20-21)



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.”

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

Text: Isaac Watts • Music: Michael James Murphy

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When I sur - vey _____ the won - drous
For - bid it Lord, _____ that I should
See, from His head, _____ His hands, His
Were the whole realm _____ of na - ture



cross _____ on which the Prince _____
boast, _____ save in the death _____
feet, _____ sor - row and love _____
mine, _____ that were a pre -



— of glo - ry _____ died, _____ my rich - est
— of Christ my _____ God; _____ All the vain
— flow ming - led _____ down. _____ Did e'er such
— sent far too _____ small; _____ Love so a -



gain _____ I count but _____ loss, _____
things _____ that charm me _____ most, _____
love _____ and sor - row _____ meet, _____
maz - - - ing, so di - vine, _____



— and pour con - tempt _____ on all my _____ pride.
— I sac - ri - rice _____ them to His _____ blood.
— or thorns com - pose _____ so rich a _____ crown?
— de - mands my soul, _____ my life, my _____ all.

O Lord, By Grace Delivered

Text: Psalm 30 (1912 Psalter)

Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

O Lord, by grace de - liv - ered, I
In pros - p'rous days I boast - ed: un -
now with songs ex - tol; my foes you have not
moved I shall re - main; for Lord, by your good
suf - fered to glo - ry o'er my fall. O Lord, my God, I
fa - vor my cause you did main - tain; I soon was sor - ley
sought you, and you did heal and save; - you,
trou - bled, for you did hide your face; I
Lord, from death did ran - som and keep me from the
cried to you Je - ho - vah, I sought Je - ho - vah's
grave. O Lord, by grace de - li - - vered! - I
grace.
now with songs ex - tol! His ho - ly name re -
mem - ber! - You saints, Je - ho - vah praise!

What profit if I perish, if life you do not spare?
Shall dust repeat your praises, shall it your truth declare?
O Lord, on me have mercy, and my petition hear;
that you may be my helper, in mercy, Lord, appear.

(Chorus)

My grief is turned to gladness, to you my thanks I raise,
who has removed my sorrow and girded me with praise;
and now, no longer silent, my heart your praise will sing;
O Lord, my God forever, my thanks to you I bring.

(Chorus)

BENEDICTION • 2 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you
in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

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

After Worship Today • There will be no Sunday School or Sermon Discussion today, due to...

15 Years of Worship Celebration Potluck • After Worship today in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Study of 1 Samuel • 8:15am Tuesdays at Longbottom Coffee.

Youth Group • 6:30pm to 8pm Wednesdays. Contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com).

Men's Breakfast • 7:30am Sat., Oct. 5. Please bring something to share for our meal together. After we eat, we'll discuss 2 Peter 1.

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (Oct. 6) 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.

Ladies' Retreat • November 1-3 at the Lakehouse in Lincoln City. This year the church will cover the cost of the house rental. If you want to make a donation to Ascension specifically for that, feel free to do that by dropping a check in the offering bag, and write "Ladies' Retreat" in the memo line. (As we get closer to the date we will organize a meal plan.) Send your RSVP any time to Cheryl: by text to 503-319-8037, or email to cheryl@westuniongardens.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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