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THE WORD  


**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 33:8**

Let all the earth fear Yahweh;  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

# To God Be The Glory

Text: Fanny Crosby • Music: William Doane • Public Domain

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the  
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -  
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who  
joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.  
tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.  
great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

**REFRAIN**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

The musical score is written in G major and 3/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of a steady bass line and chords that support the melody. The lyrics are arranged in three verses, with a refrain section. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and chord symbols (G, D7, A7, D, C, G, D7, G, D, G, D7, G, G, D7, G, D, G, D7, G, D, G, D7, G).

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Luke 23:39-41**

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Luke 23:42-43**

And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • 1 Chronicles 29:12-14**

"Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."

## **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 • Isaiah 55:1-3a**

- 1 “Come, everyone who thirsts,  
    come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
    come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without price.
- 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
    and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
    and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come to me;  
    hear, that your soul may live.”

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 who is from everlasting to everlasting, grant us, amidst the conflicts of this world, the comfort of a perfect trust in you.

We lament the pride, selfishness, greed, and anger that lead to war among brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as war among nations.

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

For all who are afflicted by war within themselves, by the conflicts of doubt, a rebellious will, and the darkness of despair:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

For all who suffer in body and circumstance, the sick, the poor, and the prisoner, that they would be touched by your compassion in their time of need:

*Save and help us, O Lord.*

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

*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.*

# Before The Throne Of God Above

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft • Music: Vikki Cook • ©1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

Alto

Be-fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
strong and per-fect plea A great High Priest whose name is  
love Who ev-er lives and pleads for me My name is gra-ven on His  
hands My name is writ - ten on His heart I know that  
while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence de -  
part No tongue can bid me thence de - part

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part. It consists of six staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece begins with a rest for one measure, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Be-fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per-fect plea A great High Priest whose name is love Who ev-er lives and pleads for me My name is gra-ven on His hands My name is writ - ten on His heart I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part No tongue can bid me thence de - part'. The piece ends with a double bar line.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look to see him there, who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.  
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood,  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

# It Is Well With My Soul

Text: Horatio G. Spafford • Music: Phillip P. Bliss • Public Domain

Tenor

8

1

3

7

11

15

21

8

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When peace, like a riv - er, at -  
Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though  
My sin, O the bliss of this  
tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like sea bil - lows  
tri - als should come, let this blest as - sur - ance con -  
glo - ri - ous thought! My sin, not in part, but the  
roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to  
trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -  
whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no  
say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." It is  
tate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.  
more; Praise the Lord! It is well with my soul!  
well... with my soul; it is well, it is well with my  
soul!

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.

*(Chorus x2)*

## **GOSPEL READING • Luke 24:44-48**

“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## **SERMON • “The Message of the Scriptures”**

“Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. For it is no empty word for you, but your very life.” (Deuteronomy 32:46-47)

“My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word!” (Psalm 119:25)

“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” (Luke 24:25-57)

“The Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.” (John 5:37-40)

“To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” (Acts 10:43)

“Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

“Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” (Romans 15:4)

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

“Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:14-17)

“The Bible is not about the Bible. The Bible is not meant to be an encyclopedia of religious knowledge or facts. It is meant to be The Book That Points to Christ... It is possible to be a serious Bible student and to miss the whole point.” (F. D. Bruner)

“The Old Testament is the Gospel in the bud; the New Testament is the Gospel in full flower.” (J. C. Ryle)





THE UPPER ROOM



**CONFESSION OF FAITH • Colossians 1:15-20**

Who is Jesus Christ?

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. 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

Alto

The image shows a musical score for an Alto voice part. It consists of eight staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are: "O the deep deep love of Je - sus", "vast un - meas - ured bound - less free", "Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean", "in its full - ness o - ver me", "Un - der - neath me all a - round me", "is the cur - rent of Thy love lead - ing", "on - ward lead - ing home - ward to Thy", and "glo - rious rest a - bove." The music features a steady eighth-note accompaniment with occasional triplet patterns.

O the deep deep love of Je - sus  
5 vast un - meas - ured bound - less free  
9 Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean  
13 in its full - ness o - ver me  
17 Un - der - neath me all a - round me  
21 is the cur - rent of Thy love lead - ing  
26 on - ward lead - ing home - ward to Thy  
30 glo - rious rest a - bove.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread his praise from shore to shore.  
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore.  
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own.  
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from his throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best.  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heaven of heavens to me.  
And it lifts me up to glory for it lifts me up to thee.

# Alleluia! Sons of God Arise!

Text & Music: Mimi Farra

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## Chorus (twice):

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sons of  
God a - rise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sons of God a - rise and fol - low the Lord.

The chorus is written in 3/4 time and consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sons of God a - rise! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Sons of God a - rise and fol - low the Lord." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the "Al - le - lu - ia" refrain.

## Verse 1:

Come and be clothed in His right - eous - ness; Come join the  
band who are called by His name.

Verse 1 consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: "Come and be clothed in His right - eous - ness; Come join the band who are called by His name." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the "Come join the band" refrain.

## Chorus

## Verse 2:

Look at the world which is bound by sin;  
walk in - to the midst of it pro - claim - ing my life.

Verse 2 consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: "Look at the world which is bound by sin; walk in - to the midst of it pro - claim - ing my life." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong emphasis on the "Look at the world" refrain.

## Chorus (twice)

## BENEDICTION • Acts 20:32

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

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

**After Worship Today** • Join us at 11:30 for Sunday School (kids) and Sermon Discussion (adults).

**Men’s Study** • 8:15am Tuesdays at Longbottom Coffee. Contact: Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

**Women’s Study** • 1:30pm Wednesdays. Contact: Cheryl Boden (cheryl@westuniongardens.com).

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

**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.

**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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