



# ASCENSION

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE WORD



**CALL TO WORSHIP • Psalm 66:5**

Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

# O Come All Ye Faithful

Latin Hymn: *Adeste Fideles* • Public Domain

Alto

The image shows a musical score for the Alto voice part of the hymn 'O Come All Ye Faithful'. The score is written on ten staves of music. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: O come all ye faith - ful joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - - le - hem. Come and be - hold him born the King of an - gels; O come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him Christ the Lord.

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dore him, O come let us a - dore him  
Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,  
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Son of the Father, begotten, not created;  
(Chorus)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
(Chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.  
(Chorus)

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

He is risen!

*He is risen indeed!*

Let us pray...

## **CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 Corinthians 6:9-10**

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN (based on the Ten Commandments)**

*O Lord, we have loved other gods before you and have become their servants. We have not worshiped you in spirit and in truth. We have brought insult upon your reputation. We have not trusted you to give us rest. We have not honored others as they deserve. We have hated our neighbors. Our desires are all distorted and misplaced. We have taken for ourselves what did not belong to us. We have lied, slandered, and gossiped. We have coveted the good blessings you gave to others. O Lord, have mercy on us, for we have not kept your law. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

(silent confession)

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 Corinthians 6:11**

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you!*

## **OFFERING • Matthew 10:8**

“Freely you have received. Freely give.”

## **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 60:1-3

- 1 Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of Yahweh has risen upon you.
- 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but Yahweh will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.
- 3 And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

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 Beloved Son 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.*

# As With Gladness Men Of Old

Text: William Chatterton Dix • Music: Conrad Kocher • Public Domain

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the

star be - hold; as with joy they hailed its light,  
man - ger bed, there to bend the knee be - fore  
rude and bare, so may we with ho - ly joy,  
nar - row way; and when earth - ly things are past,

lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, so, most gra - cious  
him whom heaven and earth a - dore, so, may we with  
pure and free from sin's al - loy, all our cost - liest  
bring our ran - somed lives at last where they need no

Lord, may we ev - er - more your splen - dor see.  
wil - ling feet e - ver seek the mer - cy seat.  
trea - sures bring, Christ, to you, our heaven - ly King.  
star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing alleluias to our King.

# All Praise To Thee Eternal Lord

Text: Martin Luther • Music: American folk tune • Public Domain

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'All praise-to thee, e - ter - nal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood choos-ing a man - - - ger for a throne while worlds on worlds are thine a - lone.' The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter and half notes, and some longer notes with ties.

All praise-to thee, e - ter - nal Lord,  
clothed in a garb of flesh and blood  
choos-ing a man - - - ger for a throne  
while worlds on worlds are thine a - lone.

Once did the skies before thee bow;  
a virgin's arms contain thee now,  
while angels, who in thee rejoice,  
now listen for thine infant voice.

A little child, thou art our guest,  
that weary ones in thee may rest;  
forlorn and lowly is thy birth;  
that we may rise to heaven from earth.

Thou comest in the darksome night  
to make us children of the light;  
to make us, in the realms divine,  
like thine own angels round thee shine.

All this for us thy love hath done;  
by this to thee our love is won;  
for this we tune our cheerful lays,  
and sing our thanks in ceaseless praise.

## GOSPEL READING • Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Which of you has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*Praise be to you, O Christ!*

## SERMON • "The Beloved Son's Prayer"



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].)



# Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

Text: Frank Houghton • Music: French Carol Melody • Public Domain

1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -  
2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -  
3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we

cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,  
cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,  
wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,

sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -  
heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -  
make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -

yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.  
yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.  
yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

# On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Text & Music: *Piae Cantiones* (1582) • Transl. Jane M. Joseph (c. 1917)

Arr. Gustav Holst (c. 1917) • Public Domain

Tenor

8 On this day earth shall ring with the song  
His the doom our the mirth; when he came  
4 chil - dren to sing earth, to the Lord, Christ our King,  
down to earth, Beth - le - hem saw his birth;  
7 born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther  
ox and ass be - side him from the cold would  
10 gave us. I - de - o, o, o,  
hide us. him. I - de - o, o, o,  
13 I - de - o, o, o, I - de - o,  
16 glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

God's bright star o'er his head, wise men three to him led;  
kneel they low to his bed, lay their gifts before him,  
praise him and adore him.

*(Chorus)*

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,  
praising Christ, Heaven's king, born on earth to save us;  
peace and love he gave us.

*(Chorus)*

# Joy To The World

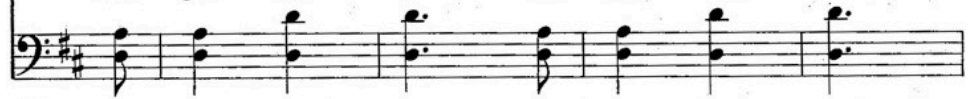
Text: Isaac Watts • Music: George Frideric Handel • Arr: Lowell Mason  
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1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re-ceive her King;
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav-ior reigns; Let men their songs em-ploy;
3. No more let sins and sor-rows grow, Nor thorns in-fest the ground;
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na-tions prove



Let ev-ry heart pre-pare Him room,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
He comes to make His bless-ings flow  
The glo-ries of His righ-teous-ness,



And heav'n and na-ture sing, And heav'n and na-ture sing,  
Re-peat the sound-ing joy, Re-peat the sound-ing joy,  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
And won-ders of His love, And won-ders of His love,

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## BENEDICTION • Deuteronomy 31:8

It is Yahweh who goes before you.  
He will be with you;  
he will not leave you or forsake you.  
Do not fear or be dismayed.

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

**Mercy Sunday** • On the first Sunday of each month (Dec. 1) 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.

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

### Midweek Meetings:

- 8:15am Tue. Men's Study - contact: Eric Costa (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com)
- 1:30pm Wed. Women's Study - contact: Cheryl Boden (cheryl@westuniongardens.com)
- 6:30pm Wed. Youth Group - contact: Tim Sery (fiby2020@gmail.com)
- 9am Thu. Women's Study - contact: Audrey Jaques (audreyelainejaques@gmail.com)

**Advent Choir** • Contact Tim Sauerwein if you're interested in singing this Advent/Christmas season.

**Missionary Christmas Cards** • We will collect these next Sunday (Dec. 8). Contact: Samuel Waltner (sam.waltner@gmail.com).

**Christmas Eve Service** • 7pm Tue., Dec. 24.

**Men's Retreat** • Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 on the Sandy River. Contact: Rob Stevenson.

**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?* To schedule a shepherding meeting, contact Eric (rev.eric.costa@gmail.com).

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