



**Ascension** PCA

**September 20, 2020**



A community of worshipping, maturing,  
and multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ,  
to the glory of God the Father,  
by the power of His Spirit,  
and in the hope of God's Kingdom.

## A word about our liturgy

The elements and sequence that make up our worship service (the liturgy) is the way we tell ourselves, one another, and all in this place, the grand story of the Triune God: the story of God pursuing a people despite their wanderings and forgetfulness, and shaping them into His people for His glory.



## QUIETING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

The books or the music  
in which we thought the beauty was located  
will betray us if we trust in them,  
it only came through them,  
and what came through was a longing...  
For they are not the thing itself;  
they are only the scent of a flower we have not found,  
the echo of a tune we have not heard,  
news from a country we have never visited.

*You make known to me the path of life;  
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

*Psalm 16:11*

~ C.S. Lewis

# GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*We gather at the invitation of God through His Word.  
He speaks first, revealing Himself to us,  
and we respond with one voice in joy and thanksgiving!*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*1 Chronicles 16:8-10*

M: Oh, give thanks to the LORD; 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 the LORD rejoice!

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## SONGS OF PRAISE

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

***Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.***

**The sun comes up,  
it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass,  
and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

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***Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.***

**You're rich in love,  
and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness,  
I will keep on singing:  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.***

**And on that day  
when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing  
Your praise unending:  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

***Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul,  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.  
I'll worship Your holy name.***

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*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love, and power.**

***I will arise and go to Jesus!  
He will save me from my sin.  
By the riches of His merit,  
There is joy and life in Him.***

**Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.**

***I will arise and go to Jesus!  
He will save me from my sin.  
By the riches of His merit,  
There is joy and life in Him.***

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all.**

***I will arise and go to Jesus!  
He will save me from my sin.  
By the riches of His merit,  
There is joy and life in Him.***

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# OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

*Psalm 73:1-3, 16-17, 24-26, 28*

M: Truly God is good to Israel,  
to those who are pure in heart.  
But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,  
my steps had nearly slipped.  
For I was envious of the arrogant  
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.  
But when I thought how to understand this,  
it seemed to me a wearisome task,  
until I went into the sanctuary of God;  
then I discerned their end.

**P: You guide me with Your counsel  
and afterward You will receive me to glory.  
Whom have I in heaven but You?  
And there is nothing on earth  
that I desire besides You.  
My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever.  
It is good to be near God;  
I have made the LORD GOD my refuge,  
that I may tell of Your works.**

## GOD CLEANSSES US

*We gather each week as sinners in constant need of His mercy.  
The corporate confession of sin acknowledges this  
and invites honest expression before God.  
However, God isn't silent as we cry out to Him —  
He assures us that His grace is bigger than our sin.  
God's forgiveness is for all those who humble themselves  
before Him in Christ Jesus.*

# CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**P: O Lord, You have promised to deliver us;  
and have purchased our salvation  
through Jesus.**

**You have promised to restore and guide us;  
and have given us Your Spirit as our Counselor  
and Your Word as our instruction.**

**You have promised never to leave us  
nor forsake us —  
to be more faithful than a mother to her child...**

**Yet we have failed to trust You.  
We have grumbled at hardship.  
We have pursued and worried  
about material needs,  
as if we had no Father.**

**We have busied ourselves  
with things of this world,  
while neglecting your treasures  
entrusted to our care.**

**Lord, have mercy on us;  
forgive our faithless striving  
forgive our unfaithful neglect.**

**Renew in us a desire to be true to You,  
and diligence for the long faithfulness.  
Amen.**

*~ Please use this time for silent confession.*

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Ephesians 1:7-8 & Isaiah 12:1-2*

**M: In Christ we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches  
of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom  
and understanding.**

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**P: We will praise You, O LORD,  
Although You were angry with us,  
Your anger has turned away,  
and You have comforted us.  
Surely God is our salvation;  
we will trust and not be afraid.**

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

### *Spirit of God*

**The blessing of the Father,  
Gift of grace and love,  
The promise of the Savior,  
For power from above.**

**Oh, wondrous gift that's given,  
For confidence and mission;  
Holy Spirit, You make all things new.**

***Spirit of God, breathe on me now;  
Source of life, come, revive my weary heart.***

***Spirit of God, shine on me now.  
Light of life, come, ignite my longing heart.***

**Come and lift the dark clouds,  
Of doubt and unbelief;  
Shine upon my soul now,  
For by Your rays I see.**

**Clearer, closer, deeper  
The love of my Redeemer;  
Holy Spirit, You make all things new.**

***Spirit of God, breathe on me now;  
Source of life, come, revive my weary heart.***

***Spirit of God, shine on me now.  
Light of life, come, ignite my longing heart.***

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**Where You breathe — hope thrives,  
The dead return to life,  
And the dark must flee the breaking day.**

**By Your light — I see  
The glories of my King;  
And beholding Him I will be changed.**

***Spirit of God, breathe on me now;  
Source of life, come, revive my weary heart.***

***Spirit of God, shine on me now.  
Light of life, come, ignite my longing heart.***

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## **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

*The Holy Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a crucial means of growing and comforting God's people and awakening people to new faith in Jesus.*

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## **READING OF THE WORD**

*Philippians 4:10–20*

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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<sup>14</sup> Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.

<sup>15</sup> And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

<sup>16</sup> Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

<sup>18</sup> I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

<sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

## GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen, Amen.**

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

*"The Power to Delight"*

*Pastor Nate Hitchcock*

## PRAYER

# SONG OF RESPONSE

## *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

**God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.**

**Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never failing skill  
He treasures up His bright designs  
And works His sovereign will.**

**Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust Him for His grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.**

**Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take;  
The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and shall break  
In blessings on your head.**

*Holy, Holy,  
Oh mysteries beyond,  
Glory, Glory  
Be to our Sovereign God.*

**Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain;  
God is His own interpreter,  
And He will make it plain.**

**His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.**

*Holy, Holy,  
Oh mysteries beyond,  
Glory, Glory  
Be to our Sovereign God.*

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Oh mysteries beyond,  
Glory, Glory  
Be to our Sovereign God.***

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## **GOD COMMUNES WITH US**

*The Lord's Supper is a meal for the family of God, given by Jesus the night before His death to be celebrated until His return. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of King, and spiritually nourishes us for today as we eat and drink in faith.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

### **CONFESSING OUR FAITH**

*based on Matthew 16:16; Mark 16:9; John 20:28;  
1 Corinthians 15:1-6; Revelation 22:13 & Romans 8*

**P: This is the good news that we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:  
that Christ died for our sins  
according to the Scriptures,  
that He was buried,  
that He was raised on the third day,  
and that He appeared first to the women,  
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.  
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end;  
He is our Lord and our God.**

...

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together  
for good for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us  
from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER/MEDITATION

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