



Ascension PCA

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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

Almighty God...

Grant that we may at length

be awakened from our indifference,

and do not allow us to be inebriated

by the charms of Satan and the world;

but by Your Spirit rouse us to real groaning,

that, being ashamed of ourselves,

we may flee to Your mercy,

and doubt not but that You will be favorable to us,

provided with a sincere heart we call on You,

and seek that reconciliation which

You daily offer to us by Your Gospel

in the name of Your only begotten Son. Amen.

~ John Calvin

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

Jeremiah 10:6-7

**P: There is none like You, O LORD;
You are great, and Your name is great in might.
Who would not fear You, O King of the nations?
For this is Your due;
for among all the wise ones of the nations
and in all their kingdoms
there is none like You.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

**Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise.
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
Nor for help on man depend.
He shall die, to dust returning,
And His purposes shall end.**

**Food He daily gives the hungry,
Sets the mourning prisoner free.
Raises those bowed down with anguish,
Makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,
And the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow,
Judgment on the wicked sends.**

**Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.**

**Over all God reigns forever,
Through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, your God, O Zion,
Joyful hallelujahs sing.**

Words from *The Psalter* (1912)
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Glorious Christ

**The radiance of the Father
Before the dawn of time;
You spoke and all creation came to be.**

**The molecules and planets
Reveal Your great design,
And every one was made
So we could see,
So we could see:**

***You are the glorious Christ,
The greatest of all delights
Your power is unequalled,
Your love beyond all heights.***

***No greater sacrifice
Than when You laid down Your life,
We join the song of angels
Who praise You day and night,
Glorious Christ.***

**You left the air of heaven
To breathe the dust of earth,
And dwell among the outcast
and the poor.**

**You came to be forsaken
And died to take our curse,
So You could be our joy forevermore,
forevermore.**

***You are the glorious Christ,
The greatest of all delights
Your power is unequalled,
Your love beyond all heights.***

***No greater sacrifice
Than when You laid down Your life,
We join the song of angels
Who praise You day and night,
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OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17

- ¹ And God spoke all these words, saying,
² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
³ "You shall have no other gods before Me.
⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.
⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.
⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,
¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

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.

Lord, Have Mercy

**For what we have done
and left undone,
We fall on Your countless mercies.
For sins that are known,
and those unknown,
We call on Your name so holy.**

**For envy and pride,
for closing our eyes,
For scorning our very neighbor.
In thought, word, and deed
we've failed You, our King.
How deeply we need a Savior.**

*Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.*

**For what You have done,
Your life of love
You perfectly lived, we praise You.
Though tempted and tried,
You fixed Your eyes;
You finished the work God gave You.**

**And there on the tree,
a King among thieves,
You bled for a world's betrayal.
You loved to the end,
our merciful friend.
How pure and forever faithful.**

*Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.*

**For hearts that are cold,
for seizing control,
For scorning our very Maker.
In thought word and deed,
we've failed You, our King;
How deeply we need a Savior.**

*Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.*

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

M: O LORD, our God who brought His people out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, and by Christ delivered us from sin, You have been faithful to keep all the promises of Your covenant.

P: **But we, O LORD, have been a stiff-necked people who love unfaithfulness.**

We have loved other gods before You and become their servants.

We have not worshipped You in spirit and in truth, and so we have mocked Your glory in heaven.

We have used Your name in vain and profaned Your reputation on earth.

We have desecrated Your Sabbath because we have not trusted You to give us rest.

We have not honored our fathers and mothers, and so we have proved ourselves rebels.

We have hated our neighbors and murdered them in our hearts.

We have made adulterers of ourselves in the lust of our eyes or in the deeds of our flesh.

We have stolen honor and wealth and privileges that are not ours.

We have lied and falsely accused for we love gossip more than truth.

**We have coveted blessings You wisely
and righteously gave to others.**

**O LORD, have mercy on us
for we have not kept Your law.**

Forgive us, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

~ Please use this time for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:8-14

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to His children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Jesus, I Come

**Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.**

**Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

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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

Matthew 5:21–26

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

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

"Love in an Angry World"

Pastor Nate Hitchcock

PRAYER

SONG OF RESPONSE

Take My Life and Let it Be

**Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my will, and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

BENEDICTION

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