



Ascension PCA

October 4, 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

It is impossible for the affectionate heart of Christ to be overcelebrated, made too much of, exaggerated. It cannot be plumbed.

But it is easily neglected, forgotten. We draw too little strength from it...

...Jesus Christ is closer to you today than He was to the sinners and sufferers He spoke with and touched in His earthly ministry. Through His Spirit, Christ's own heart envelops His people with an embrace nearer and tighter than any physical embrace could ever achieve.

~ Dane Ortlund

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

from Ephesians 1

M: Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has blessed us in the heavenly realms
with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
For He chose us in Him
before the creation of the world
to be holy and blameless in His sight.
In love He predestined us to be adopted
as His sons through Jesus Christ,
in accordance with His pleasure and will —
to the praise of His glorious grace
which He has freely given us in the One He loves.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

(ending with the Lord's prayer)

**P: Our Father, Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done in 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.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise the Lord Ye Heavens

**Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore Him,
Praise Him angels in the height,
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him,
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.**

**Praise the Lord for He hath spoken,
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed,
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.**

***All creation join the song of praise,
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways,
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy
All of our days!***

**Praise the Lord! for He is glorious,
Never shall His promise fail,
God hath made His saints victorious,
Sin and death shall not prevail.**

***All creation join the song of praise,
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways,
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy
All of our days!***

***Glory, glory
All glory to You, Lord!***

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All glory to You, Lord!***

**Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His power proclaim,
Heaven and earth, and all creation
Laud and magnify His Name.**

***All creation join the song of praise,
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways,
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy
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Come, Holy One

**Hasten now,
O loving Lord to us,
We're thirsty.**

**Fill these souls,
Spirit, every hour,
We need Thee.**

***Come, come Holy One,
Come meet us.
All, all for Your glory,
Lord Jesus.***

**Lead us on,
The perfect path O Lord,
And may we
Sin no more,
This spotless bride, the Church,
Is Yours.**

***Come, come Holy One,
Come meet us.
All, all for Your glory,
Lord Jesus.***

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OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 34:1-9

¹ The LORD said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. ² Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. ³ No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain."

⁴ So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. ⁵ The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷ keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

⁸ And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. ⁹ And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O LORD, please let the LORD go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Your inheritance."

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

Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18

**P: Remember your mercy, O LORD,
and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions;
according to Your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!
Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
For Your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

~ Please use this time for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Galatians 1:3-5

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

All I Have Is Christ

**I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way;
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave.**

**I had no hope that You would own,
A rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first,
I would refuse You still.**

**But as I ran my hell-bound race,
Indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross.**

**And I beheld God's love displayed,
You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me,
Now all I know is grace.**

***Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!***

**Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone,
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me.**

**Oh Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose,
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You.**

***Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!
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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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

READING OF THE WORD

Matthew 11:28–30

²⁸ Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

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 Heart of Jesus"

Pastor Nate Hitchcock

PRAYER

SONG OF RESPONSE

Come As You Are

**Come out of sadness,
From wherever you've been;
Come, broken hearted,
Let rescue begin;
Come find your mercy,
Oh sinner come kneel.
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal;
Earth has no sorrow
That Heaven can't heal.**

***So lay down your burdens,
Lay down your shame;
All who are broken,
Lift up your face.***

***Oh wanderer come home,
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt,
Lay down your heart,
Come as you are.***

**There's hope for the hopeless,
And all those who've strayed;
Come sit at the table,
Come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary,
A rest that endures;
Earth has no sorrow
That Heaven can't cure.**

***So lay down your burdens,
Lay down your shame;
All who are broken,
Lift up your face.***

***Oh wanderer come home,
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt,
Lay down your heart,
Come as you are.***

***Come as you are,
Fall in his arms,
Come as you are.***

**There's joy for the morning,
Oh sinner be still,
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow
That Heaven can't heal.**

***So lay down your burdens,
Lay down your shame;
All who are broken,
Lift up your face.***

***Oh wanderer come home,
You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt,
Come as you are,
Come as you are,
Come as you are.***

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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 TOGETHER

The Apostles' Creed

**P: 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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and sits on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

MEDITATION

As a Beggar

**As a beggar, I come to Thee,
As a beggar, I come to Thee,
With empty hands, without one plea,
As a beggar, I come to Thee.**

**At Thy table I find a feast,
At Thy table I find a feast,
Here come the poor, the lame, the least,
At Thy table, I find a feast.**

**Precious Savior, how can it be?
Precious Savior, how can it be?
Thine own dear blood was shed for me!
Precious Savior, how can it be?**

**All my days, Lord, Thy will be done,
All my days, Lord, Thy will be done,
Long I to see Thy kingdom come,
All my days, Lord, Thy will be done.**

**Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come!
Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come!
With lifted hearts, our prayer is sung:
Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come!**

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Come, Lord Jesus, O quickly come!**

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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.**

BENEDICTION



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