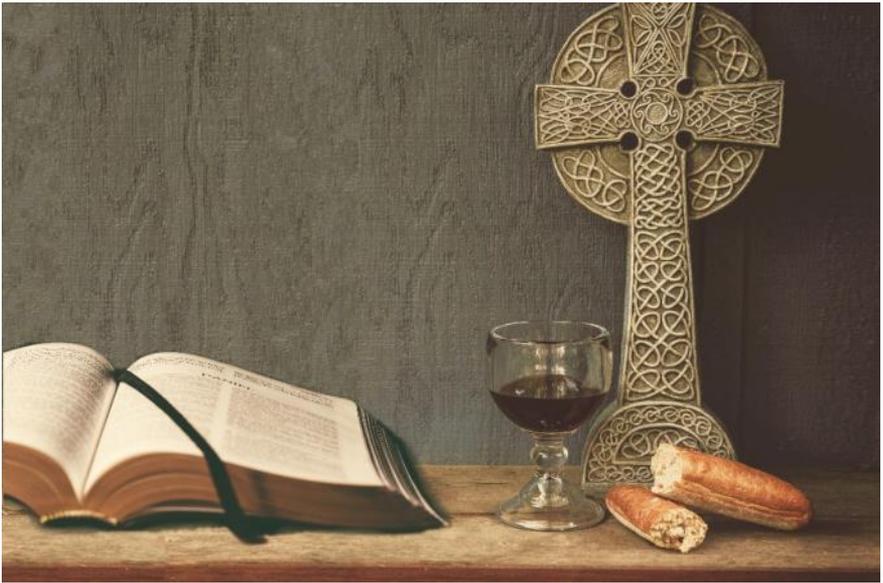




# Ascension PCA

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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

You are my steadfast, You never change.

Not land, seas or heavens could keep me from You.

There is no divide.

You are always on my side, pursuing me out of my fears,

You always draw me near.

There is no lover that does what You do,

Your love seeps into my veins and I begin to love like You.

Love, never stop coming toward me,

Love, never stop changing me,

Love, let there be no divide.

*~ Kateland Hilty*

# 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

*Hebrews 10:19–25*

M: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence  
to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,  
by the new and living way that He opened for us  
through the curtain, that is, through His flesh,  
and since we have a great high priest  
over the house of God,  
let us draw near with a true heart  
in full assurance of faith,  
with our hearts sprinkled clean  
from an evil conscience  
and our bodies washed with pure water.  
Let us hold fast the confession of our hope  
without wavering  
for He who promised is faithful.  
And let us consider how to stir up one another  
to love and good works,  
not neglecting to meet together,  
as is the habit of some,  
but encouraging one another,  
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

# SONGS OF PRAISE

## *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,  
Lay down your heart,  
Come as you are.***

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## *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

***On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.***

**When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.**

***On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.***

**His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my Hope and Stay.**

***On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.***

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

***On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.***

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## 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.

## OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

### *Genesis 3:14–19*

- <sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

- 15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
He shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise His heel.”
- 16 To the woman He said,  
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,  
but he shall rule over you.”
- 17 And to Adam He said,  
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
‘You shall not eat of it,’  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
19 By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**P: Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father,  
You are faithful in all Your ways.  
Not one word has failed of all Your promises.  
But we have not been so loyal to You.  
We have cherished sinful thoughts,  
disowned You with deceitful words,  
and behaved contrary to Your Word.  
In your mercy,  
again show Yourself faithful and just  
to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

# SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments, we confess our personal sins to God so that we may take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

## THE GOOD NEWS

*John 6:40*

M: For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*Blessed Assurance*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

# 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

*Romans 8:18–25*

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### 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

*“Your Best Life ... Later”*

*Mr. Austin Clement*



# PRAYER

## SONG OF RESPONSE

*I Will Glory in My Redeemer*

**I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,  
And hung Him on that judgment tree.**

***I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Who crushed the power of sin and death.  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:  
The Lamb who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.***

**I will glory in my Redeemer.  
My life He bought, my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another,  
I'm satisfied in Him alone.**

***I will glory in my Redeemer,  
His faithfulness, my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace,  
My feet are firm, held by His grace.***

**I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Who carries me on eagles' wings.  
He crowns my life with loving kindness,  
His triumph song I'll ever sing.**

***I will glory in my Redeemer,  
Who waits for me at gates of gold.  
And when He calls me it will be paradise,  
His face forever to behold,  
His face forever to behold.***

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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

*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

*Please come forward to receive the elements at the table, then return to your seats. Please HOLD elements until we can all partake TOGETHER.*

## PRAYER | MEDITATION

# GOD SENDS US

We end by receiving God's promises to us as His people.  
He will be with us as we serve Him in this world, to the end of all time.

## BENEDICTION

## 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.**

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