



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

"Hold fast to Christ.

For you He became temporal,

so that you might partake of eternity.

~ Augustine

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 Psalm 16:5–11

**P: The LORD is our chosen portion and our cup;
You hold our lot.
The lines have fallen for us in pleasant places;
indeed, we have a beautiful inheritance.
We bless the LORD who gives us counsel;
in the night also our hearts instruct us.
We have set the LORD always before us;
because He is at our right hands,
we shall not be shaken.
Therefore our hearts are glad,
and our whole being rejoices;
our flesh also dwells secure.
For You will not abandon our souls to Sheol,
or let Your holy one see corruption.
You make known to us the path of life;
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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.**

***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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My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

**My faith has found a resting place,
Not in device nor creed;
I trust the ever-living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.**

***I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died
And that He died for me.***

**Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.**

***I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died
And that He died for me.***

**My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's name,
Salvation through His blood.**

***I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died
And that He died for me.***

Words by Lidie H. Edmunds (1891; Alt. 1990)

Music by André Grétry (1741-1831); arr. by William J. Kirkpatrick (1891)

PUBLIC DOMAIN

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

Jeremiah 14:13–22

¹³ Then I said: “Ah, LORD GOD, behold, the prophets say to them, ‘You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place.’”

¹⁴ And the LORD said to me: “The prophets are prophesying lies in My name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds. ¹⁵ Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name although I did not send them, and who say, ‘Sword and famine shall not come upon this land’: By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed. ¹⁶ And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem, victims of famine and sword, with none to bury them — them, their wives, their sons, and their daughters. For I will pour out their evil upon them.

¹⁷ “You shall say to them this word:
‘Let my eyes run down with tears night and day,
and let them not cease,
for the virgin daughter of my people is shattered
with a great wound,
with a very grievous blow.

¹⁸ If I go out into the field,
behold, those pierced by the sword!
And if I enter the city,
behold, the diseases of famine!
For both prophet and priest ply their trade
through the land
and have no knowledge.”

¹⁹ Have You utterly rejected Judah?
Does Your soul loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We looked for peace, but no good came;
for a time of healing, but behold, terror.

²⁰ We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
and the iniquity of our fathers,
for we have sinned against You.

- 21 Do not spurn us, for Your name's sake;
do not dishonor Your glorious throne;
remember and do not break Your covenant with us.
- 22 Are there any among the false gods of the nations
that can bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Are you not He, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on You,
for You do all these things.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**P: Loving heavenly Father, we are weak
and blinded by our own sin.**

**When You lead us through frightening valleys,
we quickly turn aside like foolish sheep
to comfort ourselves with sin,
instead of believing that You love us
and will always provide what we need.**

**When we don't like the path ahead
because it is hard and stony,
we refuse to follow You
and accuse You of not caring.**

**Though You satisfy our souls with good things,
our minds are easily captivated
by temptations that dazzle us far more
than Your love amazes us.**

Father, forgive us.

Lord, have mercy on us in our great weakness.

**Jesus, thank you for paying for our sin
and for giving us Your perfect goodness
as a free gift through faith.**

**Holy Spirit, press the gospel deep into our hearts,
and change our disordered affections.**

In the name of Jesus we pray, 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.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

M: To all who turn from sin in sorrow,
to all who turn to God in hope,
this is God's Word of grace:

**in Jesus, you are accepted,
you are forgiven,
you are loved.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE

The Lord is My Salvation

**The grace of God has reached for me,
And pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground:
The Lord is my salvation.**

**I will not fear when darkness falls,
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun:
The Lord is my salvation.**

***Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won:
The Lord is my salvation.***

**My hope is hidden in the Lord,
He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come:
The Lord is my salvation.**

**In times of waiting, times of need,
When I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days:
The Lord is my salvation.**

***Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won:
The Lord is my salvation.***

**And when I reach the final day,
He will not leave me in the grave,
But I will rise, He will call me home:
The Lord is my salvation!**

***Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid and the victory won:
The Lord is my salvation.***

**Glory be to God, the Father.
Glory be to God, the Son.
Glory be to God, the Spirit.
The Lord is our salvation.**

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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

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world — the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life — is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

SONG OF RESPONSE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Words by Isaac Watts (1707, 1709).
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PUBLIC DOMAIN

GOD BUILDS HIS CHURCH

Reception of New Members

*Garret and Victoria Holt
Rob, Katherine, Esther, and Anna Franklin*

- Do you believe the Scriptures to be the Word of God and the final authoritative rule of life and faith?
- Do you acknowledge your need for the grace of God, humbling yourself, offering no morality or righteousness of your own, but asking only for the mercy of God in Christ?
- Do you accept Christ as the sacrifice for your sin, as the Prophet for all your truth, and as the King of all your life, resting on Him and His righteousness alone for your salvation?

- Do you pledge to live a life worthy of your calling by reliance on the Holy Spirit according to the Word of God?
- Do you promise to support this communion with your prayers and offerings, to strive for its purity and peace, and to submit to its leadership in all biblical things?

To the Body of Christ: (please stand):

M: Do you as a congregation, now welcome these brothers and sisters as members of this body?

P: We do.

M: Do you promise to take seriously your responsibilities to build up them up and to seek to practice with them true Christian community and true Biblical church life?

P: We do.

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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