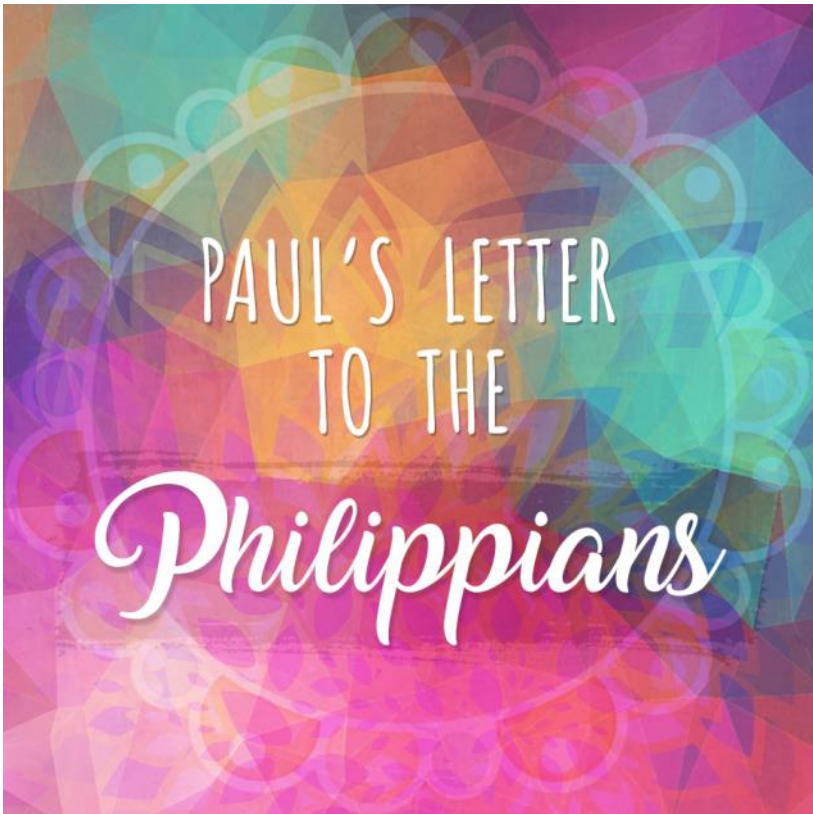




Ascension PCA

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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

*My Lord, from here on never leave me,
but stay and dwell with me;
for Your presence is my only comfort and consolation,
just as Your absence is my only sorrow.*

*O Holy Spirit, come into my heart,
and draw me so near to God,
that the things of the world may be as nothing to me.
Inflame my heart with Your love,
and let it burn without ceasing.*

*Come, I pray, for You are my true joy,
my only desire, and my sweetest love. Amen.*

~ John Wycliffe

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

Psalm 90:1–2, 12, 14

M: LORD, You have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.
So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

SONGS OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

**O worship the King,
all glorious above,
And gratefully sing
His pow'r and His love;
Our Shield and Defender,
the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor,
and girded with praise.**

**O tell of His might,
O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path
on the wings of the storm.**

...

**O measureless might,
ineffable love!
While angels delight
to worship above.
Thy mercies how tender,
how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend!**

Words by Robert Grant (1833)

Music by Johann M. Haydn (1737–1806), arr. William Gardiner (1815)

PUBLIC DOMAIN

Only a Holy God

**Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.**

**What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.**

***Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.***

**What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God.**

***Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.***

**Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God,
Only my Holy God!**

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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

Jeremiah 18:18-23

¹⁸ Then they said, "Come, let us make plots against Jeremiah, for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not pay attention to any of his words."

...

19 Hear me, O LORD,
and listen to the voice of my adversaries.
20 Should good be repaid with evil?
Yet they have dug a pit for my life.
Remember how I stood before you
to speak good for them,
to turn away your wrath from them.
21 Therefore deliver up their children to famine;
give them over to the power of the sword;
let their wives become childless and widowed.
May their men meet death by pestilence,
their youths be struck down
by the sword in battle.
22 May a cry be heard from their houses,
when you bring the plunderer
suddenly upon them!
For they have dug a pit to take me
and laid snares for my feet.
23 Yet you, O LORD, know
all their plotting to kill me.
Forgive not their iniquity,
nor blot out their sin from your sight.
Let them be overthrown before you;
deal with them in the time of your anger.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**P: Loving heavenly Father,
we have wild and rebellious hearts.
We claim to value Your wisdom above our own,
but we are weak and blinded by our own sin.
When You walk 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,
we have little appetite for the feast
to which You call us.**

**Our desire for Your Word is weak;
our minds are easily captivated
by temptations that dazzle us
far more than Your love amazes us;
and our repentance is tinged with
pride and selfishness.**

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.*

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

**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

Thy Mercy, My God

**Thy mercy, my God,
is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart
and the boast of my tongue;**

**Thy free grace alone,
from the first to the last,
Has won my affection,
and bound my soul fast.**

**Without Thy sweet mercy
I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me
to utter despair;
But through Thy free goodness,
my spirits revive,
And He that first made me
still keeps me alive.**

**Thy mercy is more
than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel
its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness,
I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise
of the mercy I've found.**

**Great Father of mercies,
Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love
of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit,
Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon,
and righteousness mine.**

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 1:18b–26

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

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.**

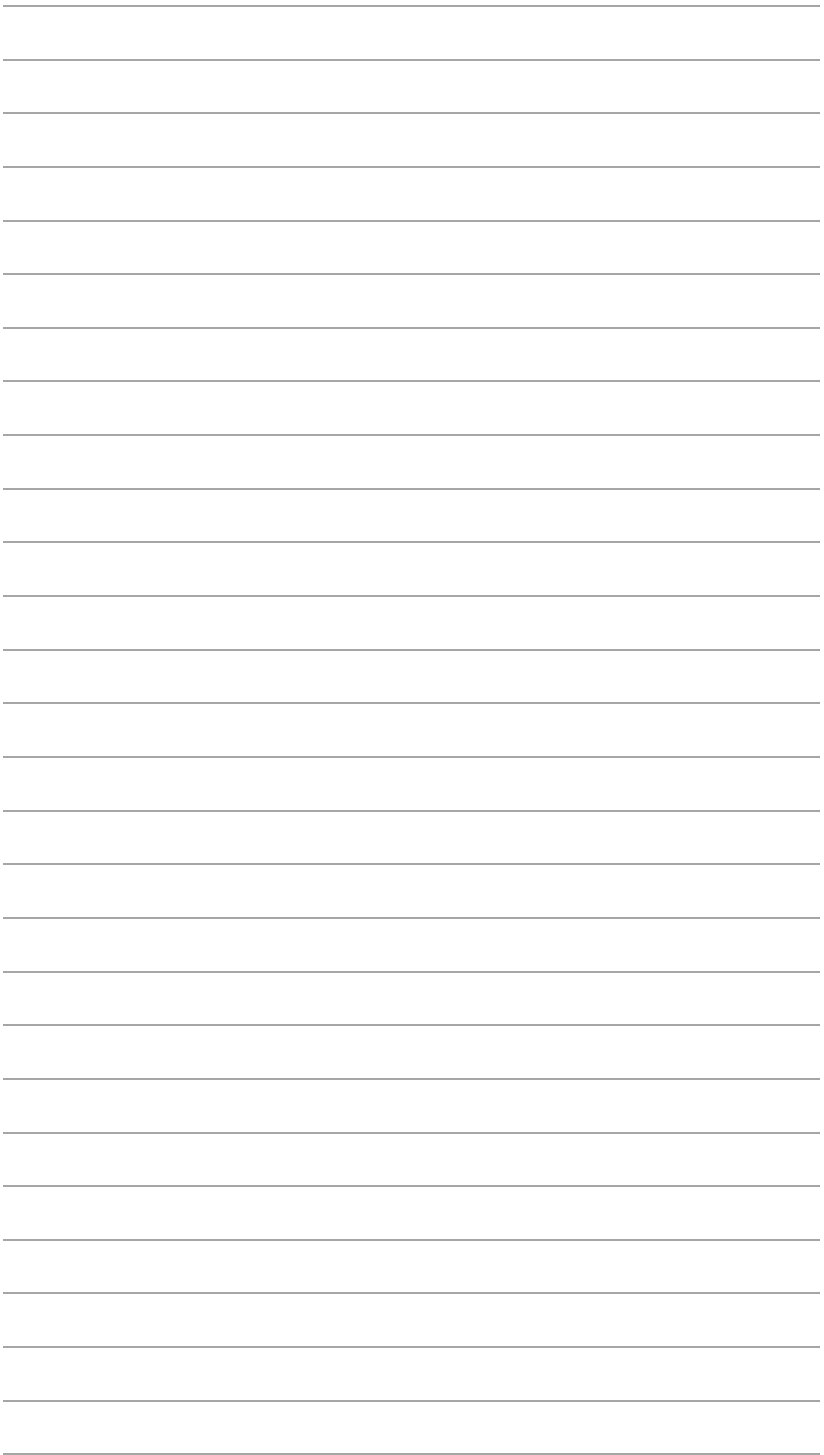
PREACHING OF THE WORD

“The Dilemma”

Pastor Nate Hitchcock

PRAYER

SERMON NOTES: _____



SONG OF RESPONSE

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.**

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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

from Hebrews 4

**P: Since we have a great High Priest
who has gone through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God,
let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**

**For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to sympathize
with our weaknesses,
but we have one who has been tempted
in every way, just as we are —
yet without sin.**

**Let us then approach the throne of grace
with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

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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