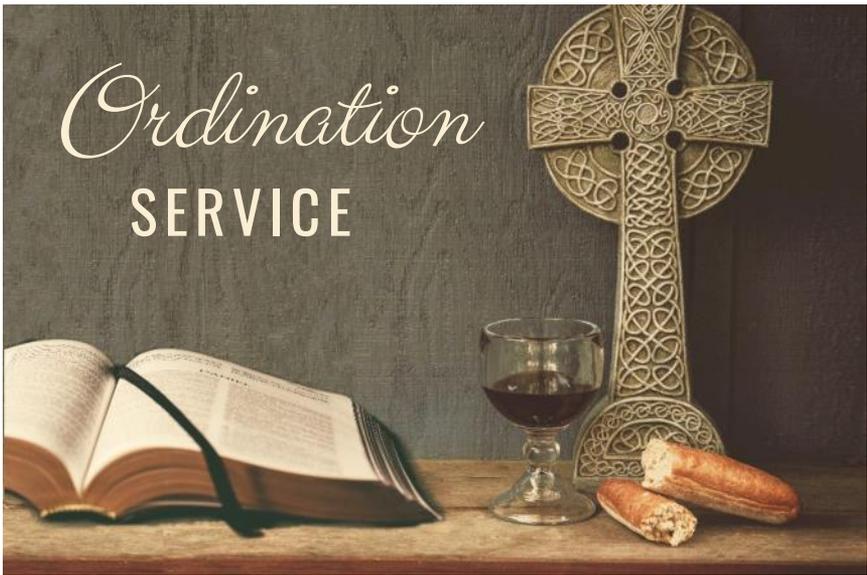




# Ascension PCA

February 20, 2022



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

*O Lord, my Lord, this is Thy day,  
the heavenly ordinance of rest,  
the open door of worship,  
the record of Jesus' resurrection,  
the seal of the sabbath to come,  
the day when saints militant and triumphant  
unite in endless song.*

*I bless Thee for the throne of grace,  
that here free favor reigns;  
that open access to it is through the blood of Jesus;  
that the veil is torn aside  
and I can enter the holiest  
and find Thee ready to hear;  
waiting to be gracious,  
inviting me to pour out my needs,  
encouraging my desires,  
promising to give me more than I ask or think.*

*Give me in rich abundance the blessings  
the Lord's Day was designed to impart...*

*May my meditations be sweet,  
my acts of worship life, liberty, joy,  
my food the precious Word,  
my defense the shield of faith,  
and may my heart be more knit to Jesus.*

~ "The Lord's Day" (abridged) from the Valley of Vision

# PRAYER OF ADORATION

## 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 136:1, 3, 23, 26*

- MINISTER: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.  
WOMEN: **For His steadfast love endures forever.**  
MINISTER: Give thanks to the Lord of lords.  
MEN: **For His steadfast love endures forever.**  
MINISTER: It is He who remembered us in our low estate,  
for His steadfast love endures forever.  
ALL: **Give thanks to the God of heaven.  
For His steadfast love endures forever.**

## 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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### *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.**

**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

**Oh that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face.  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace.**

**Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,  
Bring Thy promises to pass.  
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me  
Till I'm home with Thee at last.**

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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.

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Psalm 19:7-10 & Romans 7:22-24*

**M: The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the simple;**

the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring forever;  
the rules of the LORD are true,  
and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,  
but I see in my members another law waging war  
against the law of my mind and making me captive  
to the law of sin that dwells in my members.  
Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me  
from this body of death?

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*based on the Ten Commandments*

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.**

## 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

*Romans 5:1b,2,6*

M: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God... For while we were still weak, Christ died for the ungodly.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

**And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?**

***Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!***

...

**He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace.  
Humbled Himself, so great His love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.**

***Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!***

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

***Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!***

**No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

***Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!***

***Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!***

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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

### *2 Timothy 2:1–14*

<sup>1</sup> You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup> An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

<sup>6</sup> It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him;  
<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with Him;  
if we deny Him, He also will deny us;  
<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, He remains faithful—

for He cannot deny Himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.

## 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.**



# SONG OF RESPONSE

## *Be Thou My Vision*

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art —  
Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Ancient Irish Poem, translated by Mary E. Byrne (1905), versified by Eleanor H. Hull (1912)  
Traditional Irish melody, arranged by David Evans (1927)  
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# SERVICE OF ORDINATION / INSTALLATION

## AUSTIN CLEMENT

### ***Questions to the Minister:***

- Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

- Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
- Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
- Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
- Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
- Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you an overseer?

***Questions to the congregation:***

- Do you, the people of this congregation, profess your readiness to receive Austin Clement?
- Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?
- Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
- Do you engage to continue with him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

**Laying on of Hands and Prayer**

**Right Hand of Fellowship and Pronouncement**

**Pastoral Charge and Prayer**

*Reverend David Klein*

**Congregational Charge and Prayer**

*Ruling Elder Brett Chase*

# 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.*

# SONG OF MEDITATION

## *In Christ Alone*

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine —  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry, to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Till He returns, or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!**

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# 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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