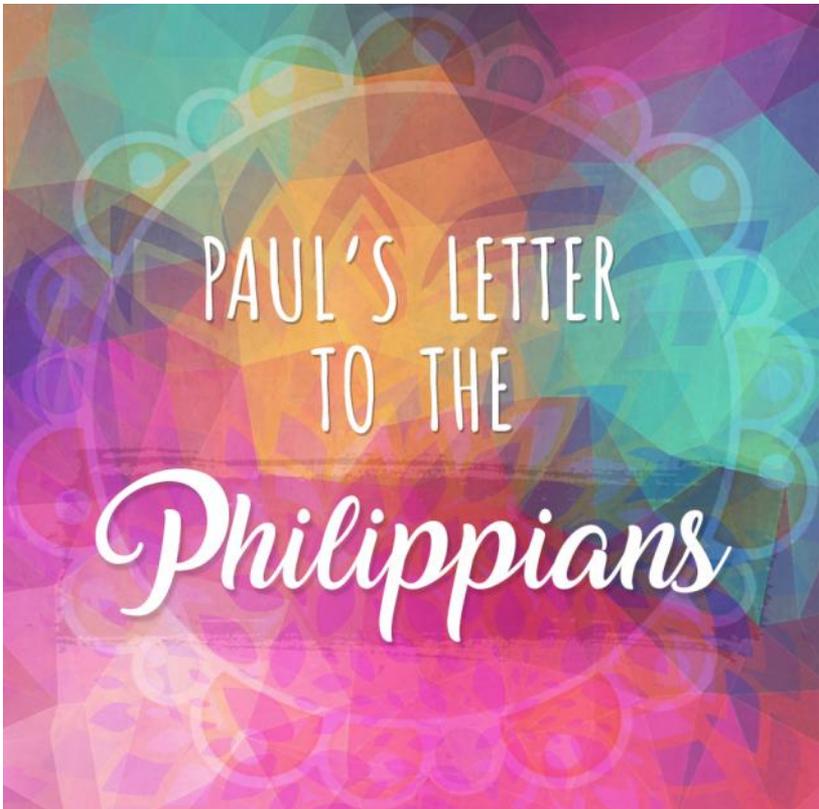




Ascension PCA

February 27, 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.



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QUIETING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

*Lord... I cannot live except by You.
You are God alone.
You are the fullness of life and being,
the only root and spring of life,
the everlasting I AM,
the Being of beings.*

*You know all things.
You know that I love You,
and because I do, I present myself to You.
It is all I can do.
I wish myself ten thousand times better,
for Your sake.
And if I had in me all the excellencies
of many thousand angels,
it would not be enough.
Nothing but Your own goodness
could make me worthy of Your acceptance.*

*Because I love You, I want to be near You.
I want to be Yours.
I want to lead my life with You,
to dwell in Your presence.
I love You, O Lord, my strength,
because Your own perfections highly deserve it —
and because You have heard my voice.
You have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
and my feet from failing.*

*Lord, here I am, wholly Yours.
I come to surrender myself,
my whole life and being,
to be entirely and always at Your disposal,
and for Your use.
Accept a devoted, self-resigning soul.*

~ John Howe

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 100

M: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!

P: **Know that the LORD, He is God!**
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people,
and the sheep of His pasture.

M: Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

P: **For the LORD is good;**
His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!**

**O my soul, praise Him, for He is
thy health and salvation!**

**All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea,
so gently sustaineth!**

**Hast thou not seen
How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who with
marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health and with
loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief
Hath not He brought thee relief
Spreading His wings to o'er shade thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that
is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him.
Let the amen
Sound from His people again,
Gladly fore'er we adore Him!**

Words by Joachim Neander (1680); tr. by Catherine Winkworth (1863)
Music from *Straslund Gesangbuch* (1665)
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Come, People of the Risen King

**Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in.**

***Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.**

**For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.**

***Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.**

**Over all the world, His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
Our God is all in all!**

***Rejoice, Rejoice!
Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

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One heart, one voice,
O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

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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 19:1-15

¹ Thus says the LORD, "Go, buy a potter's earthenware flask, and take some of the elders of the people and some of the elders of the priests, ² and go out to the Valley of the Son of Hinnom at the entry of the Potsherd Gate, and proclaim there the words that I tell you.

³ You shall say, 'Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing such disaster upon this place that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle. ⁴ Because the people have forsaken Me and have profaned this place by making offerings in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers nor the kings of Judah have known; and because they have filled this place with the blood of innocents, ⁵ and have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not command or decree, nor did it come into My mind — ⁶ therefore, behold, days are coming, declares the LORD, when this place shall no more be called Topheth, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter. ⁷ And in this place I will make void the plans of Judah and Jerusalem, and will cause their people to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hand of those who seek their life. I will give their dead bodies for food to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the earth. ⁸ And I will make this city a horror, a thing to be hissed at. Everyone who

passes by it will be horrified and will hiss because of all its wounds. ⁹ And I will make them eat the flesh of their sons and their daughters, and everyone shall eat the flesh of his neighbor in the siege and in the distress, with which their enemies and those who seek their life afflict them.'

¹⁰ "Then you shall break the flask in the sight of the men who go with you, ¹¹ and shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: So will I break this people and this city, as one breaks a potter's vessel, so that it can never be mended. Men shall bury in Topheth because there will be no place else to bury. ¹² Thus will I do to this place, declares the LORD, and to its inhabitants, making this city like Topheth. ¹³ The houses of Jerusalem and the houses of the kings of Judah — all the houses on whose roofs offerings have been offered to all the host of heaven, and drink offerings have been poured out to other gods — shall be defiled like the place of Topheth.'"

¹⁴ Then Jeremiah came from Topheth, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy, and he stood in the court of the LORD'S house and said to all the people: ¹⁵ "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, behold, I am bringing upon this city and upon all its towns all the disaster that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their neck, refusing to hear My words."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**P: Merciful God, You made us in Your image,
for Yourself,
with a mind to know You,
a heart to love You,
and a will to serve You.**

**But we confess to You now,
that our minds are distracted
and our knowledge is imperfect,
our love is divided and inconsistent,
and our obedience incomplete
and at times completely absent.**

**By Your Spirit, show us our sin
and give us strength to turn from it.
In Your tender love, forgive us,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

from Colossians 2:13–14; Psalm 32:11

M: Grace and peace to you who were dead in your sins,
for God has made you alive with Christ
and forgiven all your sins.
Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;
sing all you who are now upright in heart!

SONG OF ASSURANCE

O My Soul, Arise

**Arise, my soul, arise,
shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice
on my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.
He ever lives above
for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.**

***O my soul, arise,
Behold the risen Christ,
Your Great High Priest, your spotless sacrifice.***

***O my soul, arise,
God owns you as His child;
Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise.***

Five bleeding wounds He bears,
received on Calvary.
They pour effectual prayers
they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!"

***O my soul, arise,
Behold the risen Christ,
Your Great High Priest, your spotless sacrifice.***

***O my soul, arise,
God owns you as His child;
Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise.***

My God is reconciled,
His pard'ning voice I hear.
He owns me as His child,
I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

***O my soul, arise,
Behold the risen Christ,
Your Great High Priest, your spotless sacrifice.***

***O my soul, arise,
God owns you as His child;
Shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise.***

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 1:27–30

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for His sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

“Heavenly Citizenship”

Pastor Nate Hitchcock

PRAYER

SONG OF RESPONSE

Take My Life and Let it Be

**Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my will, and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

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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

Titus 3:3-7

**P: At one time we too were foolish,
disobedient, deceived and enslaved
by all kinds of passions and pleasures.
We lived in malice and envy,
being hated and hating one another.
But when the kindness and love
of God our Savior appeared, He saved us,
not because of righteous things we had done,
but because of His mercy.
He saved us through the washing of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
whom He poured out on us generously
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that, having been justified by His grace,
we might become heirs
having the hope of eternal life.**

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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