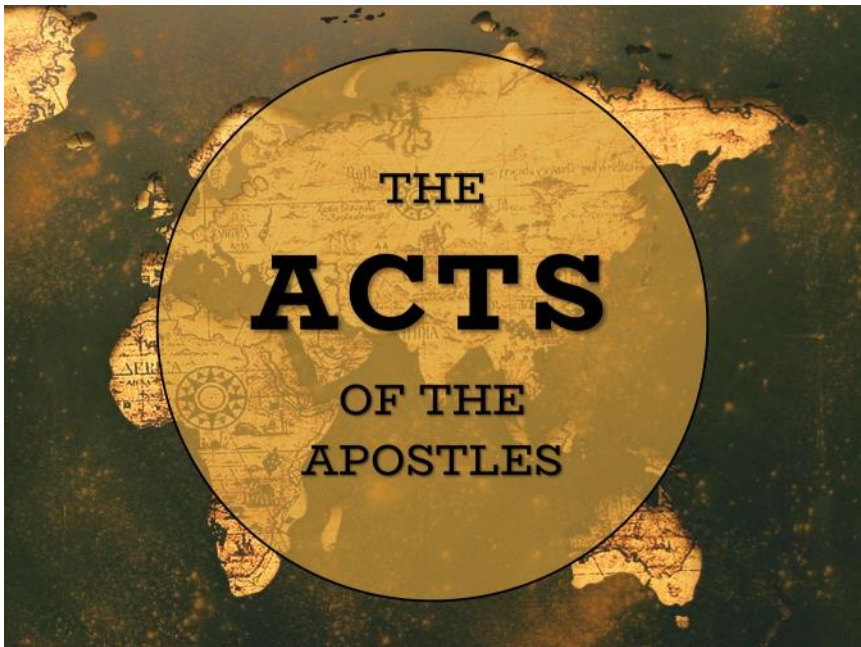




Ascension PCA

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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

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die,
O raise your head for Love is passing by...
Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live!

Now your burdens lifted, and carried far away,
and precious blood washed away the stain, so...
Sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live!

And like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl,
and remember when you walk, sometimes we fall, so...
Fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain,
so if your sky is dark and pours the rain, then...
Cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live!

O when the love spills over, and music fills the night,
and when you can't contain your joy inside, then...
Dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live!

And with your final heartbeat, kiss the world goodbye,
then go in peace and laugh on glory's side, and...
Fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live!

~ "Untitled Hymn" Chris Rice

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 110

M: The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at My right hand
until I make Your enemies
a footstool for Your feet.”

**P: The LORD will extend Your mighty scepter
from Zion, saying,
“Rule in the midst of Your enemies!”**

M: Your troops will be willing
on Your day of battle.

**P: Arrayed in holy majesty,
from the womb of the dawn
You will receive the dew of your youth.**

M: The LORD has sworn
and will not change His mind:
“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

**P: The LORD is at Your right hand;
He will crush kings on the day of His wrath.**

M: He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead
and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

**P: He will drink from a brook beside the way;
therefore He will lift up His head.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

**Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise.
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.**

...

**Put no confidence in princes,
Nor for help on man depend.
He shall die, to dust returning,
And His purposes shall end.**

**Happy is the man that chooses
Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing
On the Lord his God is stayed.**

**Heav'n and earth the Lord created,
Seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression,
Righteousness He will maintain.**

**Food He daily gives the hungry,
Sets the mourning prisoner free.
Raises those bowed down with anguish,
Makes the sightless eye to see.**

**Well Jehovah loves the righteous,
And the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow,
Judgment on the wicked sends.**

**Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.**

**Over all God reigns forever,
Through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, your God, O Zion,
Joyful hallelujahs sing.**

Words from *The Psalter* (1912)

Music: Gregorian chant, arr. by Lowell Mason (1839)

PUBLIC DOMAIN

Oh, How Good It Is

**Oh, how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit,
In faith and unity.**

**Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us.**

***So with one voice
We'll sing to the Lord;
And with one heart
We'll live out His Word.***

***Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the presence of His people.***

**Oh, how good it is
On this journey we share,
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn.**

**For the weak find strength,
The afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging.**

***So with one voice
We'll sing to the Lord;
And with one heart
We'll live out His Word.***

***Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the presence of His people.***

**Oh, how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another,
Forgive as He forgives.**

**When we live as one,
We all share in the love
Of the Son, with the Father,
And the Spirit.**

***So with one voice
We'll sing to the Lord;
And with one heart
We'll live out His Word.***

***Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the presence of His people.***

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 20:1-18

¹ Now Pashhur the priest, the son of Immer, who was chief officer in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. ² Then Pashhur beat Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper Benjamin Gate of the house of the LORD.

³ The next day, when Pashhur released Jeremiah from the stocks, Jeremiah said to him, "The LORD does not call your name Pashhur, but Terror on Every Side.

⁴ For thus says the LORD: Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends. They shall fall by the sword of their enemies while you look on. And I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon. He shall carry them captive to Babylon, and shall strike them down with the sword. ⁵ Moreover, I will give all the 8wealth of the city, all its gains, all its prized belongings, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah into the hand of their enemies, who shall plunder them and seize them and carry them to Babylon. ⁶ And you, Pashhur, and all who dwell in your house, shall go into captivity. To Babylon you shall go, and there you shall die, and there you shall be buried, you and all your friends, to whom you have prophesied falsely."

⁷ O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
You are stronger than I,
and You have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all the day;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
9 If I say, "I will not mention Him,
or speak any more in His name,"
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
10 For I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!
"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
say all my close friends,
watching for my fall.
"Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him."
11 But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
12 O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see Your vengeance upon them,
for to You have I committed my cause.
13 Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For He has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.
14 Cursed be the day
on which I was born!
The day when my mother bore me,
let it not be blessed!
15 Cursed be the man who brought the news to my father,
"A son is born to you,"
making him very glad.
16 Let that man be like the cities
that the LORD overthrew without pity;
let him hear a cry in the morning
and an alarm at noon,

...

- 17 because he did not kill me in the womb;
so my mother would have been my grave,
and her womb forever great.
- 18 Why did I come out from the womb
to see toil and sorrow,
and spend my days in shame?

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

from Psalm 130:1–4

**P: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!
O LORD, hear my voice!
Let Your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O LORD, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness,
that You may be feared.**

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 Psalm 130:5–8

**M: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in His word I hope;
my soul waits for the LORD
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption.
And He will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.**

SONG OF ASSURANCE

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

**Out of the depths I cry to You,
In darkest places I will call,
Incline Your ear to me anew,
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord.**

**Were You to count my sinful ways,
How could I come before Your throne?
Yet, full forgiveness meets my gaze,
I stand redeemed by grace alone.**

***I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied.***

**So put Your hope in God alone,
Take courage in His power to save,
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave.**

***I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
On Your word I will rely.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied.***

**Now He has come to make a way,
And God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice.**

***I will wait for You, I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night.
I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
For Your love is my delight.***

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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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

READING OF THE WORD

Acts 1:1–11

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. ³ He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "you heard from Me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."

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 Risen Christ”

Pastor Austin Clement

SERMON NOTES: _____

PRAYER

SONG OF RESPONSE

Before the Throne of God Above

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.**

**My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.**

**Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless Righteousness.
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of Glory and of Grace.**

**One with Himself, I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God;
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

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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.

SONG OF MEDITATION

I Delight (Isaiah 61:10)

**I delight, greatly in the LORD,
my soul rejoices in my God.**

**I delight, greatly in the LORD,
my soul rejoices in my God.**

**For He has clothed me
with garments of salvation;
He has arrayed me
in robes of righteousness.**

**For He has clothed me
with garments of salvation;
He has arrayed me
in robes of righteousness.**

**As a bridegroom adorns,
his head like a priest,
As a bride adorns her head with jewels...**

**For He has clothed me
with garments of salvation;
He has arrayed me
in robes of righteousness.**

**For He has clothed me
with garments of salvation;
He has arrayed me
in robes of righteousness.**

**I delight, greatly in the LORD,
my soul rejoices in my God.**

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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