



Ascension PCA

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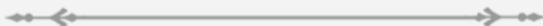
A community of worshipping, maturing,
and multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ,
to the glory of God the Father,
by the power of His Spirit,
and in the hope of God's Kingdom.



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

Look at the cross, think of the cross, meditate on the cross, and then go and set your affections on the world if you can.

I believe that holiness is nowhere learned so well as on Calvary.

I believe you cannot look much at the cross

without feeling your will sanctified,

and your tastes made more spiritual.

As the sun gazed upon makes everything else look dark and dim,

so does the cross darken the false splendor of this world.

As the taste of honey makes all other things seem to have

no taste at all,

so does the cross seen by faith take all the sweetness

out of the pleasures of the world.

Keep on, everyday, looking firmly at the cross of Christ.

~ JC Ryle

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & 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

M: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!

**P: Great is His power
and of His wisdom there is no end.**

M: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion,
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King comes to you
gentle and riding on a donkey.

**P: He shall have dominion from sea to sea
and from the river unto the ends of the earth.
All nations will be blessed through Him
and they shall call Him blessed.**

M: All kings will bow down to Him
and all nations will serve Him.
For He will deliver the needy who cry out,
the afflicted who have no one to help.

**P: He will take pity on the weak and the needy
and save the needy from death.
He will rescue them from oppression and violence,
for precious is their blood in His sight.**

M: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel,
who alone does marvelous deeds.

**P: Praise be to His glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with His glory.**

M: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

P: Hosanna in the highest!

SONGS OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!**

**O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall;
Join in the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all;
Join in the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all!**

Verses 1-2 by Edward Perronet (1779); verse 3 by John Rippon (1787).
Music by Oliver Holden (1793)
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Praise the Lord Ye Heavens

**Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore Him;
Praise Him angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.**

**Praise the Lord for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.**

***All creation join the song of praise.
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways,
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy
All of our days!***

**Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.**

***All creation join the song of praise.
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways,
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy
All of our days!***

***Glory, glory,
All glory to You, Lord!***

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All glory to You, Lord!***

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All glory to You, Lord!***

**Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation
Laud and magnify His Name.**

***All creation join the song of praise,
Let every tongue declare His mighty ways,
And we will sing of Your goodness and mercy
All of our days!***

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Words and music by Eric J. Marshall
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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 23:9-22

⁹ Concerning the prophets:

My heart is broken within me;
all my bones shake;
I am like a drunken man,
like a man overcome by wine,
because of the LORD
and because of His holy words.

¹⁰ For the land is full of adulterers;
because of the curse the land mourns,
and the pastures of the wilderness are dried up.
Their course is evil,
and their might is not right.

¹¹ "Both prophet and priest are ungodly;
even in My house I have found their evil,
declares the LORD.

¹² Therefore their way shall be to them
like slippery paths in the darkness,
into which they shall be driven and fall,
for I will bring disaster upon them
in the year of their punishment,
declares the LORD.

¹³ In the prophets of Samaria
I saw an unsavory thing:
they prophesied by Baal
and led My people Israel astray.

¹⁴ But in the prophets of Jerusalem
I have seen a horrible thing:
they commit adultery and walk in lies;
they strengthen the hands of evildoers,
so that no one turns from his evil;
all of them have become like Sodom to Me,
and its inhabitants like Gomorrah."

¹⁵ Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning
the prophets:

"Behold, I will feed them with bitter food
and give them poisoned water to drink,
for from the prophets of Jerusalem
ungodliness has gone out into all the land."

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷ They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

¹⁸ For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear His word,
or who has paid attention to His word and listened?
¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
²⁰ The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until He has executed and accomplished
the intents of His heart.
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.
²¹ "I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.
²² But if they had stood in My council,
then they would have proclaimed My words
to My people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**P: God Almighty, God of all grace,
we come to confess our failure
to hallow your Name —
our guilty silence in the face of
the Savior's appearance.
We have lived for ourselves,
while scarcely expending a thought
toward honoring You as You are.
We have freely sung the praises
of earthly pleasure and passing beauty
while remaining smugly silent
concerning Your saving grace.**

**Father, our songs have too often become
vain babbling rather than joyful confessions
of Your perfection,
and passionate celebrations of Your salvation.**

**Forgive our folly and refresh our souls.
Fill us again with the joy of Your salvation.
That we might again sing,**

***“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the 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 FORGIVENESS

Matthew 11:28–30

M: Jesus said: “Come to me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke
upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and
humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power.**

***I will arise and go to Jesus!
He will save me from my sin.
By the riches of His merit,
There is joy and life in Him.***

**Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God’s free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev’ry grace that brings you nigh.**

***I will arise and go to Jesus!
He will save me from my sin.
By the riches of His merit,
There is joy and life in Him.***

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.**

***I will arise and go to Jesus!
He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.***

**Lo! The incarnate God ascended
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly;
Let no other trust intrude.**

***I will arise and go to Jesus!
He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.***

Words by Joseph Hart (1759, alt).
Music by William Walker, *The Southern Harmony* (1835)
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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

***Luke 19:28–44, Zechariah 9:9–10
(Mark 11:1-11; Matthew 21:1-11; John 12:12-19)***

²⁸ And when He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will

find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As He was drawing near — already on the way down the Mount of Olives — the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

⁴¹ And when He drew near and saw the city, He wept over it, ⁴² saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side ⁴⁴ and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

- 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is He,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and He shall speak peace to the nations;
His rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

PRAYER

SONG OF RESPONSE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

**All glory, laud and honor,
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children,
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the King of Israel,
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's Name coming,
The King and Blessed One.**

**The company of angels
Is praising You on high;
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply.**

**The people of the Hebrews
With palms before You went,
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present.**

**To You, before Your passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.**

**As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
For You delight in goodness
O good and gracious King!**

Words by Theodulf, Bishop of Orléans ca. 820); Translated by John Mason Neale (1851; alt.)
Music by Melchior Teschner (ca. 1615)
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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 Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who, for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit
of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again,
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church;
we acknowledge one baptism
for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.**

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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

**O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down;
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.**

**What Thou, my Lord, has suffered
Was all for sinners' gain:
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
And grant to me Thy grace.**

**What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.**

Words by Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153);
tr. by Paul Gerhardt (1656) & James W. Alexander (1830)
Music by Hans Leo Hassler (1601); arr. by Johann Sebastian Bach (1729)
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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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