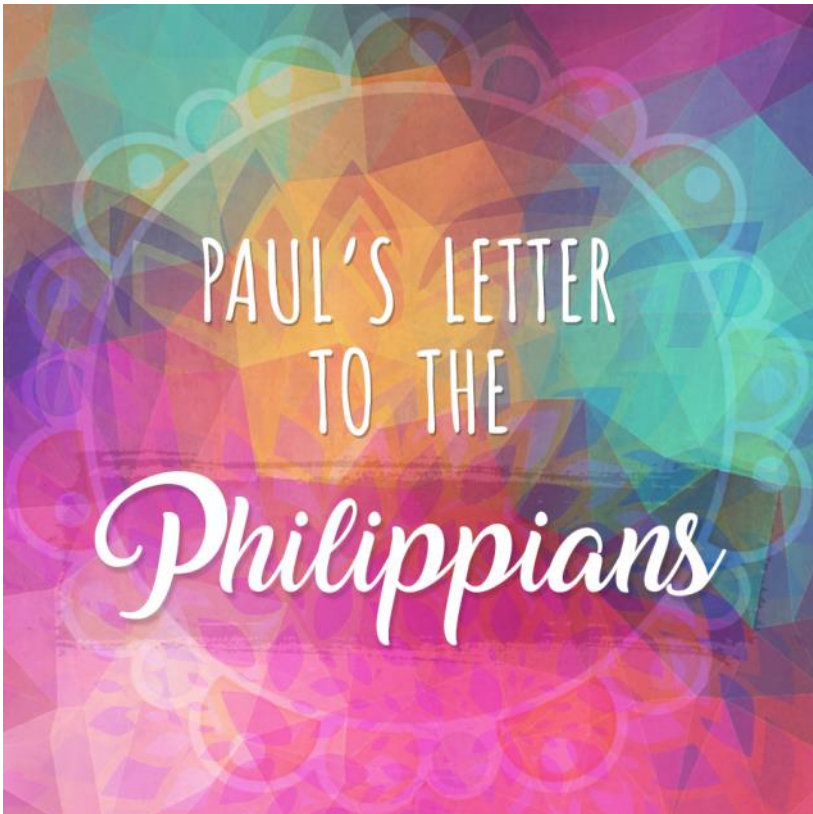


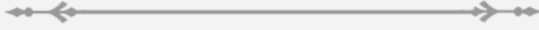


Ascension PCA

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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

O Father and God of all Comfort,
through Your Word and Holy Spirit
grant me a firm, glad, and grateful faith.
By such faith may I easily overcome
this and every trial,
and at length realize that
what Your dear Son Jesus Christ Himself says is true:
"But take courage; I have conquered the world." Amen.

~ Martin Luther

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

Hebrews 13:8,15

M: Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and forever.
Through Him then let us continually offer up
a sacrifice of praise to God,
that is, the fruit of lips
that acknowledge His name.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

**Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise You
For the bliss Your love bestows;
For the pard'ning grace that saves me,
And the peace that from it flows.**

**Help, O God, my weak endeavor;
This dull soul to rapture raise:
You must light the flame, or never
Can my love be warmed to praise.**

**Praise, my soul, the God that sought me,
Wretched wand'rer far astray;
Found me lost, and kindly brought me
From the paths of death away.**

**Praise, with love's devoutest feeling,
Him who saw my guilt-born fear;
And, the light of hope revealing,
Bade the blood-stained cross appear.**

**Praise my Savior God that drew me
To that cross, new life to give;
Held a blood-sealed pardon to me,
Bade me look to Him and live.**

**Praise the grace whose threats alarmed me,
Roused me from my fatal ease;
Praise the grace whose promise warmed me,
Praise the grace that whispered peace.**

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Gregorian Chant, arr. by Lowell Mason (1839)
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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!**

***Come and behold Him,
The One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy,
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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 27:1-11

¹ In the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD.

² Thus the LORD said to me: "Make yourself straps and yoke-bars, and put them on your neck. ³ Send word to the king of Edom, the king of Moab, the king of the sons of Ammon, the king of Tyre, and the king of Sidon by the hand of the envoys who have come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of Judah.

⁴ Give them this charge for their masters: 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: This is what you shall say to your masters: ⁵ "It is I who by My great power and My outstretched arm have made the earth, with the men and animals that are on the earth, and I give it to whomever it seems right to Me.

⁶ Now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, My servant, and I have given him also the beasts of the field to serve him. ⁷ All the nations shall serve him and his son and his grandson, until the time of his own land comes. Then many nations and great kings shall make him their slave.

⁸ " "But if any nation or kingdom will not serve this Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and put its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, I will punish that nation with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence, declares the LORD, until I have consumed it by his hand. ⁹ So do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your dreamers, your fortune-tellers, or your sorcerers, who are saying to you, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon.' ¹⁰ For it is a lie that they are prophesying to you, with the result that you will be removed far from your land, and I will drive you out, and you will perish. ¹¹ But any nation that will bring its neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon and serve him, I will leave on its own land, to work it and dwell there, declares the LORD. " " "

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 25:6–8, 11, 16–18

**P: Be mindful of Your mercy, O LORD,
and of Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

**Do not remember the sins of my youth
or my transgressions;
according to Your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

**Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.**

**For Your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.**

**Relieve the troubles of my heart,
and bring me out of my distress.
Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.**

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

Matthew 11:28

M: "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

SONG OF ASSURANCE

Jesus, I Come

**Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

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Speak, O Lord

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness;**

**That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.**

**Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail —
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us —
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.**

**And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built,
And the earth is filled with Your glory.**

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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

Philippians 4:14–23

¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen .

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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 Extravagant Generosity of God”
Pastor Nate Hitchcock

PRAYER

SERMON NOTES: _____

GIVING TO THE LORD

2 Corinthians 8:7,9

But as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you — see that you excel in this act of grace also... for you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

I Come By the Blood

**You are the perfect and righteous God
Whose presence bears no sin.
You bid me come to Your holy place;
How can I enter in,
When Your presence bears no sin?**

**Through Him who poured out His life for me,
The atoning Lamb of God.
Through Him and His work alone,
I boldly come.**

*I come by the blood,
I come by the cross,
Where Your mercy flows
From hands pierced for me.*

*For I dare not stand
On my righteousness.
My every hope rests
On what Christ has done.
And I come by the blood.*

**You are the high and exalted King
The One the angels fear;
So far above me in every way,
Lord, how can I draw near
To the One the angels fear?**

**Through Him who laid down His life for me,
And ascended to your side.
Through Him, through Jesus alone
I boldly come.**

***I come by the blood,
I come by the cross,
Where Your mercy flows
From hands pierced for me.***

***For I dare not stand
On my righteousness.
My every hope rests
On what Christ has done.
And I come by the blood.***

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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

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1

M: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**P: I believe that I am not my own,
but belong —
body and soul,
in life and in death —
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for my sins
with His precious blood,
and has set me free
from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven:
in fact, all things must work together
for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to Him,
Christ, by His Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

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.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Please come forward to receive the elements from the elders
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



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