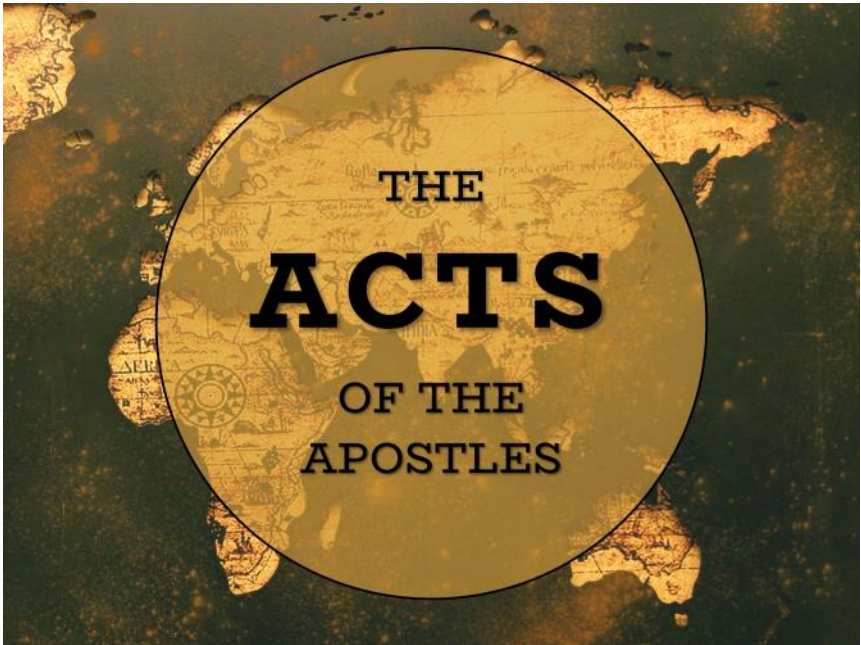




Ascension PCA

June 26, 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 Refuge of my hardened heart,
O fast pursuing Lover, come.
As angels dance around Your throne,
my life by captured fare You own.
Not silhouette of trodden faith,
nor death shall not my steps be guide.
I'll pirouette upon my grave,
for in Your path I'll run and hide.*

***Oh gaze of love, so melt my pride
that I may in Your house but kneel,
And in my brokenness to cry,
spring worship unto Thee.***

~ from the song "Hymn" by Jars of Clay

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

Daniel 2:20–22

**P: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,
to Whom belong wisdom and might.
He changes times and seasons;
He removes kings and sets up kings;
He gives wisdom to the wise
and knowledge to those who have understanding;
He reveals deep and hidden things;
He knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with Him.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Psalm 145:1-7

**I will Thee praise, my God, O King,
And I will ever bless Thy Name;
I will extol Thee everyday
And evermore Thy praise proclaim.**

**The LORD is great, His praise exceeds;
His greatness fully search can none;
Race shall to race extol Thy deeds
And tell Thy mighty acts each one.**

**Upon Thy glorious majesty
And wondrous works my mind shall dwell;
Men shall recount Thy dreadful acts,
And of Thy greatness I will tell.**

Words from Psalm 145:1-7. Music by John Hatton (1793).
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Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see;
Till Thy inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

Words by Charles Wesley (1740). Music by Luke Morton (2012).
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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 & CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 25:1-21

P: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in You I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

M: Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**P: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;
teach me Your paths.**

**Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
for You are the God of my salvation;
for You I wait all the day long.**

**Remember Your mercy, O LORD,
and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

**Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions;**

**according to Your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

M: Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble His way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love
and faithfulness,

for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

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

M: Who is the man who fears the LORD?

Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose.

His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him,
and He makes known to them His covenant.

**P: My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for He will pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
bring me out of my distresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble,
and forgive all my sins.
Consider how many are my foes,
and with what violent hatred they hate me.
Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.
May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
for I wait for You.**

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.*

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

from Ephesians 2

**M: You were dead in the trespasses and sins
in which you once walked...
but God, being rich in mercy,
because of the great love with which He loved us,
even when we were dead in our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ —
by grace you have been saved —
and raised us up with Him
and seated us with Him in the heavenly places
in Christ Jesus...**

SONG OF ASSURANCE

How High and How Wide

**No eye has seen,
and no ear has heard,
And no mind has ever conceived,
The glorious things
that You have prepared
For everyone who has believed;
You brought us near and You called us Your own,
And made us joint heirs with Your Son.**

*How high and how wide,
How deep and how long,
How sweet and how strong is Your love;
How lavish Your grace,
How faithful Your ways,
How great is Your love, O Lord?*

**Objects of mercy
who should have known wrath,
We're filled with unspeakable joy.
Riches of wisdom,
unsearchable wealth,
And the wonder of knowing Your voice.
You are our Treasure and our great Reward,
Our Hope and our glorious King.**

*How high and how wide,
How deep and how long,
How sweet and how strong is Your love;
How lavish Your grace,
How faithful Your ways,
How great is Your love, O Lord?*

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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

Acts 2:22–41

²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know — ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

²⁵ For David says concerning Him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷ For You will not abandon My soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to Me the paths of life;
you will make Me full of gladness with Your presence.’

²⁹ “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

...

³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at My right hand,

³⁵ until I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

“Jesus, Lord and Christ”

Pastor Austin Clement

PRAYER

GIVING TO THE LORD

Proverbs 3:9

Honor the LORD with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

**What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer;
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.**

*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine,
I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

**The night is dark, but I am not forsaken;
For by my side the Saviour He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need His power is displayed.**

*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me;
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won,
And I shall overcome.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.**

*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated;
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released,
I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.*

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus;
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me,
Until I stand with joy before the throne.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete,
Still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
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Still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

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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 TOGETHER

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,
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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.**

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

May the Grace of Christ our Savior

**May the grace of Christ our Savior,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.**

**Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.**

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