

10:45 service + May 28, 2017 + Ascension Sunday



Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

STANDING (IF ABLE)

Introduction

Acts 1:3-11; 2:33-36 (pew Bible pp. 909; 910)

God calls us to worship

from Psalm 47:5-9

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: who ascended and reigns at the right hand of God the Father.

Liturgist: God has ascended with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises!

All: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
Liturgist: For God is the King of all the earth;

sing praises with a psalm!

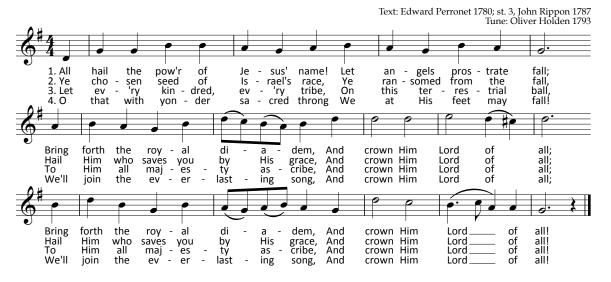
All: God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne;

He is highly exalted!

We praise God

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



We pray for God to help us worship

Liturgist: Christ is risen! All:

He is risen indeed!

He died for us that we might live for him.

SEATED

God calls us to confess our sin

from Psalm 24:3-4; James 4:7-8, 10

Liturgist: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false.

Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

We confess our sin

All (sing): stanzas 1 and 2 and chorus of "Come, O Redeemer, Come" (below)

All: God of mercy,

you have called us into your mission in our city to bring good news to the poor and vulnerable, to bind up the brokenhearted and comfort all who mourn, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and to build a culture of justice and peace.

But we confess that we are more apathetic than active,

But we confess that we are more apathetic than active, more isolated than involved, more callous than compassionate, more obstinate than obedient.

Lord, have mercy on us.

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Forgive us for contentment with injustice

and forsaking the full mission of your kingdom.

Strengthen us by your Spirit

to lament for our city and to seek its flourishing, showing mercy as we have received mercy, comforting as we have been comforted,

and loving justice as you love justice.

All (sing): stanza 3 and chorus of "Come, O Redeemer, Come" (below)



God declares our forgiveness

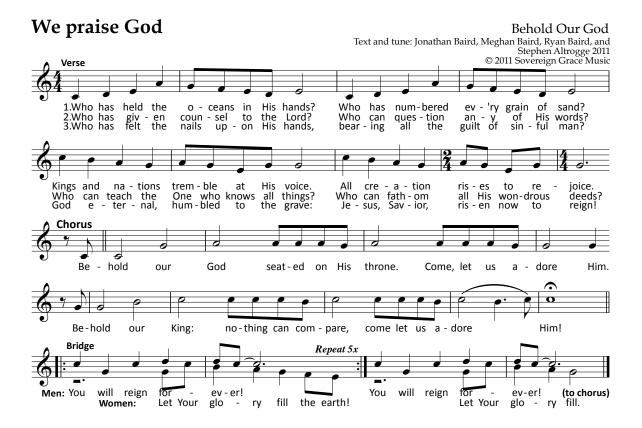
from Ephesians 2:4-7

Liturgist:

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, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: Hallelujah, Amen!



We greet one another with the peace of Christ

God instructs us in scripture reading

Isaiah 61, Luke 4:16-30 (pew Bible pp. 620-621; 859-860)

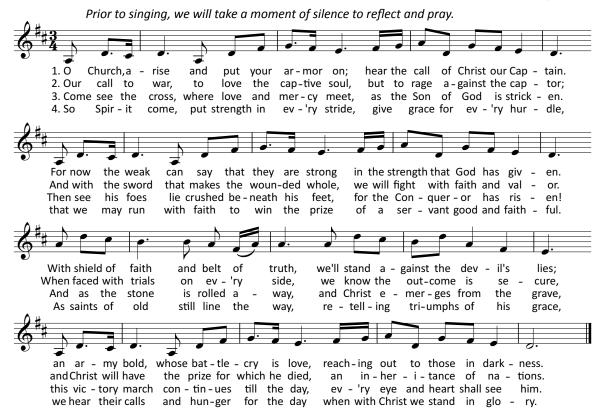
God instructs us in preaching

"How God Renovates a City" Rev. Dr. Greg Perry

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

O Church, Arise

Text and tune: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend 2005 © 2005 Thankyou Music



We praise God

Chorus: So lead on,

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We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

King of heav

tion.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Psalm 67

Text (stanzas): *Psalter* 1887 Tune (stanzas): Henry Smart 1836



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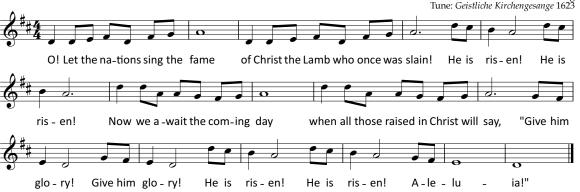
God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: Hallelujah! Amen.

Easter Doxology (He Is Risen)

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