

I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on the town garbage heap; at a crossroad so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew and in Latin and in Greek; . . . at the kind of place where cynics talk smut and thieves curse and soldiers gamble; because that is where he died; and that is what he died about; and that is where church people ought to be and what church people should be about.

-George MacLeod

September 17, 2017

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE

We are grateful you have joined us today and invite you to participate fully in the worship, education, and mission life of our church.

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins and hearing enhancement equipment are available for ease of worship.

An usher will be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services, because faith is formed by the practices that shape it. Red worship bags for young children (non-readers) and blue bags for older children (readers) may be found on the wall outside the sanctuary. An usher will help you locate one. If you would like a worship bag with your child's name on it, you may fill out a request form on the Information Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the nursery on the first floor (Room 204). At the 11:00 service, child care for infants and toddlers will be in Room 204; Pre-K children will be in the Butterfly Room in the lower-level.

Worship Feast, an experience to help elementary-age children develop awareness of God's presence and openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices, is available during the 11:00 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading. They will exit by the side (north) door and be escorted to the lower-level.

Preparing for worship...Please silence cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. The need may arise for you to exit the service early. If so, please refrain from exiting during prayers, reading of scripture and choral anthems. Natural and appropriate exit points are during congregational hymns or sung responses. Your courtesy is appreciated. Also, as a kindness to fellow worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

Ushering for today's worship: (8:45) Rick Cassetta, Rick Etling, Ken Pinkley. (11:00) Earl & Juanita Bostic, Mark & Jennifer Everly, Ken Pinkley, Todd & Liz Rasche, Joe Seidler

Flowers: To the glory of God and in celebration of their sons, Joseph Petrowsky and Andrew Petrowsky, on their birthdays, given by Joe & Susan Petrowsky.

Liturgist: Deacon Jennifer Bommarito

Sound Booth: (8:45) Cary Lippert (11:00) Jim Pettit

Last Sunday's Attendance: 189

If You Are New to New Hope

Information about our church can be found at the Outreach & Information Center in the foyer.

New Hope Cares

For pastoral care and to notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the church office at 636/936.2200 (lbrown@nhpres.org). To arrange for home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@nhpres.org or 936.2200 x.11.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

8:45 a.m.

THE GATHERING

As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers. Please silence electronic devices. Announcements pertaining to the life of the church are provided in the weekly News & Opportunities. The prayer below is offered to help center one's heart and mind for worship. The start of the Opening Voluntary signals the time to enter a period of quiet reflection.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of grace,
you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you,
and voices to sing your praise.
Fill us with your Spirit,
that we may celebrate your glory
and worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

It Is Well With My Soul

arr. Ron Loree

+ *OPENING HYMN 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

*GREETING & OPENING SENTENCES

*THE CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God,
you lived for us—we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others.
You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves
nor have we loved one another.
Take pity on us and forgive us, O God.
Help us to forgive.
Help us to live for you.
Help us to love through Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray.**

Worshipers may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE

Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

+ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Glory Be to the Father

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.***

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14: 19-31

EPISTLE READING

Romans 14: 1-12

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the cantor sings,

...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,

...Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues and ends with the Lord's Prayer...

...Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy 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;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

THE SENDING

*HYMN 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

*BLESSING & CHARGE

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Grand Choeur

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*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

OLD HUNDREDTH
(Glory to God, 606)

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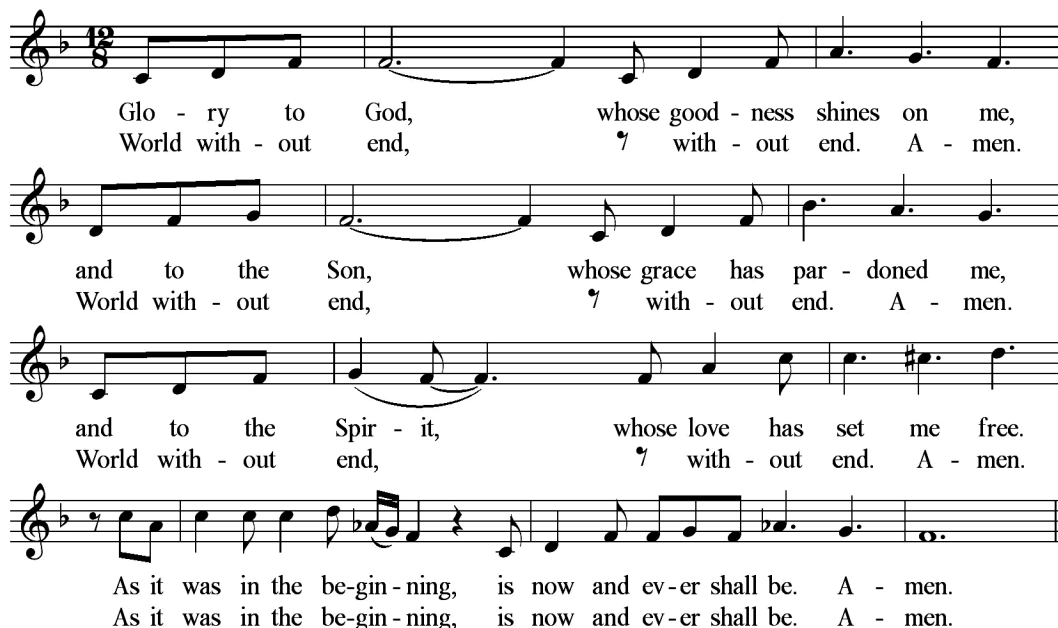
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+ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Glory to God,
 Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

Paul Vasile



Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
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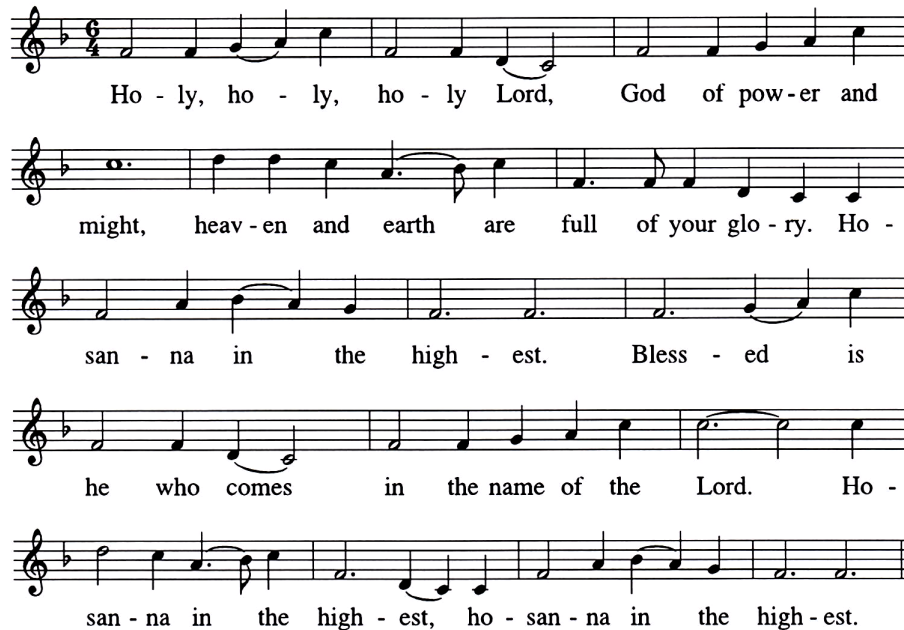
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The prayer continues...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
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“I’ve Been Wondering...” FAQs about Worship

Why do we stand for some prayers and sit for others?

Unlike a movie or sporting event that we go to watch, worship is a highly participatory activity, through which we enact the Gospel (good news) of God’s love for all creation. To that end, worship leaders don’t “do” worship for the benefit of an audience (congregation). Rather, pastors, liturgists, the choir and other musicians serve to facilitate the congregation’s worship.

In Jesus the Christ, the Word became “flesh” assuming the fullness of our humanity as Mary’s child. So Jesus is God’s eternal “Yes” to all that we are in the flesh. Our worship, therefore, honors the human senses and involves the whole of ourselves, body, mind and spirit. Through sight, smell, sound, touch and taste, we come (no less than through cognitive function) to apprehend the presence of the Holy One who is Emmanuel, God “with-us.”

Sitting, kneeling, standing, lying prostrate (stretched out on the ground face down) are all postures for prayer that facilitate communication with God. As individuals, some of these postures are more conducive to our prayers than others. Standing for prayer suggests respect and humility, along with anticipation and expectation. While standing, some choose to hold ones arms in front with palms facing up, as an expression of being open to God and ready to receive back from God. Of course, one’s circumstances may make a particular prayer posture difficult (if not impossible), and so less conducive to participating in the prayer as intended. Like the whole of our worship, each part of the liturgy—and its accompanying posture—is meant as a gift to be received as a way foster and facilitate an encounter with God. While we encourage worshipers to stretch themselves beyond their comfort zones, no one ought to feel coerced into participating in any particular act of worship for which he or she is not ready.

All that being said, if sitting or standing (or kneeling or lying prostrate) is most conducive to your prayers, do that! God will be honored by it!

Eucharist, Holy Communion, Lord’s Supper—which of these names for the sacrament is correct?

The short answer is that all of them are correct and each highlights a different aspect of what the sacrament signifies. First of all, “sacramentum” is a Latin word that means “mystery.” We call it a “mystery” because it is a way we can see something that really happens to us on the inside. We have different names for this sacrament. “Eucharist” comes from a Greek word that means “thanksgiving.” Every time we worship God we give thanks to God for taking care of us. The sacrament, then, is a thanksgiving meal at which we give praise and gratitude to God for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ, which brings salvation to the world. Sometimes we call it the “Lord’s Supper.” This name reminds us of when Jesus gave it to us, sitting around the table with his disciples on the night before he died. This is a meal we have to share together as we remember that night long ago when Jesus took bread and wine and told his disciples to remember him every time we gather at the Table and that he will be with us. From this meal, we receive spiritual nourishment for the journey of faith and discipleship.

When we use the name “Holy Communion” we are saying that the sacrament brings us together and makes us “one with Jesus Christ and with all who share this feast,” as we affirm in the Eucharistic prayer or Prayer of Great Thanksgiving. The sacrament, then, is a meal of thanksgiving and remembrance that is set aside (holy) for us to abide in fellowship (commune) together.

What if I feel moved to receive Communion, but am not baptized?

The Lord’s Supper and Baptism are inseparable. If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to meet Christ in Communion, we believe that you are also being called to Baptism. We will not turn anyone away from the Lord’s Table, but we do invite you to speak to the pastor or a member of the session about Baptism as soon as possible.

For more information about the relationship between Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, see the Presbyterian Church (USA) Directory for Worship (especially W-2.4006 and W-2.4011) and *Invitation to Christ: A Guide to Sacramental Practices*, available online at www.pcusa.org/sacraments.

In the details...

The banner to the left of the chancel represents the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time. “Ordinary” is not to connote “mundane,” but refers rather to the counting of the days using ordinal numbers (first, second, third, etc.). The whole of the church year can be understood to be an annual rehearsal of the history of salvation as seen in the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to new life. Ordinary Time consists of those days outside of the major festival seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. This is the time when scriptures about Jesus’ life and ministry are read in worship, when our life in the church is marked by spiritual growth, which gives reason for the color of ordinary time (green for growth).

In the banner, the Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) are the first and last letters, respectively, of the Greek alphabet (the original language of the New Testament). Taken together, they represent God’s sacred time which spans between the beginning of time at creation and the ending of time at the consummation of all that is. Jesus said, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Revelation 22:13). Chronos, secular, human time is designated by the sundial.

MUSIC NOTES

God the Sculptor of the Mountains was commissioned in 1993 by the Alumni Council of the Perkins School of Theology in Dallas. Much of the imagery of stanza one was the result of memories of the author's first trip to Alaska. (-*Glory to God, A Companion* by Carl P. Daw, Jr.)

WORSHIP RESOURCES

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PRAYERS

of Joy

the wedding of Ben & Ellyn (Yarde) Remarck (September 2)

for Healing & Wholeness

Heather Sturgeon & family (granddaughter of Nancy Seals)

Lori Seidler

Bev Ehlers (neighbor of Bill & Ruth Reilly)

Charlene Hitz (friend of Ruth Reilly & Marilynne Counts)

Herb Gibbs

Penny Allen (daughter of Matt & Cassie Allen)

Tobi Whiteside (cousin of Donna Huffman)

Bernadette Alcantar (sister of Martha Lamey's sister-in-law)

Rebekah Kaider (niece of Jon & Ann Schmid)

Jane Meinert (mother of Chris Meinert)

Dick Ronna (brother-in-law of Donna Huffman's cousin)

Kathy Wikoff (cousin of Barbara Newman)

Bill Lamey (father of Bill Lamey)

Vicki Keatting (friend of Vicky Howell)

Fay Teacutter

Susan Phillips

Anna Mae Richardson

John Mauex (cousin of Paul & Martha Hacker)

Nina Dixon (friend of Donna Huffman)

Karen Schriefer (friend of Debbie McDanel)

Virginia Turner (mother of Deb Mackin)

Charlie Stephans (grandchild of Carolyn Doerr's friend)

Erin Murphy (daughter-in-law of Pat & Robin Murphy)

Barbara Clarke Burton (sister of Craig Clarke)

Harold Morgan (father of Vicky Koonley)

Marissa Lamey (daughter of Bill & Martha Lamey)

Sam Kahn (uncle of Martha Lamey)

Don Douglas (cousin of Carolyn Doerr)

Debby Schroeder (aunt of Kelly Hantack)

Ron Steiner (cousin of Connie Pettit)

Mike Soo (friend of Jim Pettit)

Tom Wilkerson (friend of Laurie Meinert)

Henry, Lindsay & Trevor Gonterman

Tammy Morales & family (friend of Bill & Martha Lamey)

Skyler Bazzell (grandchild of Donna Huffman's friend)

David Routzahn (friend of Donna Huffman)

Zoey Mendenhall (granddaughter of Kathy Gibb's cousin)

Cassandra Barber (granddaughter of Allen & Carolyn Rudolph)

Jim McLaughlin (cousin of Jim Salter)

Pat Adelman (friend of Jim Pettit)

Marie Himmelbach (friend of Liz Resche)

Sheri Clayton

Garry Clayton

Kim Jackson (friend of Laura Eikmann)

Taylor Sutton (friend of Elizabeth Eikmann)

W.T. Bryant (nephew of Sue White)

Melissa Ayers (friend of Martha Lamey)

Jacob Daniel (great-nephew of Jane Cox)

Bob Mudrovic

for the Grieving

Barb Knes and family on the death of her father, Norris Dalton (September 10)

Kathy, Herb, and Eric Gibbs on the death of Kathy's father, Arthur Yauch (September 5)

Susan and Joe Petrowsky on the death of her brother, Lee Cortelyou (August 17)

Paul & Martha Hacker on the death of his brother-in-law, Jim King (August 16)

Emmett Kelewae & Joann Stewart on the death of his son, Gene Kelewae (August 12)

Todd & Liz Rasche on the death of his uncle, Joe Voss (August 9)

the family of Edward Wicklein on his death (August 7)

Martha Hacker on the death of her friend, Shirley Robinson (August 5)

Jerry & Margo Van Mill on the death of their sister-in-law, Lorraine Van Mill (August 5)

for the World and its People

victims of the hurricane in Texas

victims of the hurricane in Florida

for those deployed

Dusty Heise (great-nephew of Linda Carr)

new hope

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Session

2017
Jim Cox
Jennifer Everly
Clark Hurrell
Lynne Snyder
Margo Van Mill

2018
Bryan Eikmann
Kathy Gibbs, Clerk of Session
Cindy Martin
Del Phillips
Rick Waldo

2019
Jerry Dyer
Kirk Garten
Bill Lamey
Alyssa Murray
Sue White

Diaconate

2017
Laura Eikmann
Donna Huffman
Kay McCarthy
Stan Whiteley

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Bill Irvine, Moderator
Kelley Hurrell
Martha Lamey

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