

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.
C **Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.**
- P We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You've shown.

Silence for reflection.

- P Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,
C **we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

- P Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,
C **and give thanks to His holy name.**

- P For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.
C **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P In Your presence there is fullness of joy;
C **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

- P "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

GRACE LIKE RAIN

- 1) **Amazing Grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see so clearly**

Chorus

**Hallelujah, Grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah, All my stains are washed away
They're washed away**

**2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus

**Hallelujah, Grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah, All my stains are washed away
They're washed away, yeah**

**3) When we've been there
Ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days
To sing Your praise
Than when we'd first begun**

Chorus

**Hallelujah, Grace like rain falls down on me
Hallelujah, All my stains are washed away
They're washed away
Hallelujah...yeah, Hallelujah...yeah
Hallelujah...yeah, oh yeah
Hallelujah, All my stains are washed away
They're washed away**

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER

L Let us pray.
Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

HANDBELL CHOIR

READING

Isaiah 40:25–31

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 40.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,

calling them all by name,
 by the greatness of his might,
 and because he is strong in power
 not one is missing.
²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
 and speak, O Israel,
 "My way is hidden from the LORD,
 and my right is disregarded by my God"?
²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹He gives power to the faint,
 and to him who has no might he increases strength.
³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,
 and young men shall fall exhausted;
³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
 they shall run and not be weary;
 they shall walk and not faint.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26

- C **Alleluia.**
- A He sent redemption to his people.
- C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- A Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?
- C **Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

READING

1 Peter 2:11–20

- A The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter 2.

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

YOU NEVER LET GO

- 1) **Even though I walk through the valley
 Of the shadow of death**

Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

(Pre-Chorus)

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

2) And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus 2x

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

Bridge

Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

SERMON

NICENE CREED

C I 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 men 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 will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I 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 I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING (DURING SONG)

EVERLASTING GOD

1. Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Repeat verse

Pre-chorus

**Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

Chorus

**You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God
You do not faint, you won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

(whole song 2x)

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PREFACE

LSB 216

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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 trespasses

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

MIGHTY TO SAVE

- 1. Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations**

Chorus

**Saviour, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

- 2. So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender**

Chorus

**Saviour, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

(BRIDGE)

**Shine your light, and
let the whole world see, we're singing
For the glory, of the risen King; Jesus
Shine your light, and
let the whole world see, we're singing
for the glory, of the risen King**

Chorus 2x

**Saviour, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save**

He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see ,
How great, how great is our God

2. And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one: Father, Spirit, Son.
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see ,
How great, how great is our God

BRIDGE

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see ,
How great, how great is our God

Interlude

Chorus

How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see ,
How great, how great is our God

BRIDGE

Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Women: *BRIDGE*
Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Men: *Chorus*
How great is our God,
Sing with me, How great is our God,
And all will see, How great,
How great is our God

Chorus

**How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see ,
How great, how great is our God**

Chorus

**How great is our God, Sing with me
How great is our God, And all will see ,
How great, how great is our God**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

C **Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION (AARONIC)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

FOREVER

Give thanks to the Lord

Our God and King

His love endures forever

For He is good He is above all things

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand

And an outstretched arm

His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

Pre-chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful

Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us

Forever, forever

**From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise**

Pre-chorus
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus
**Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever**

Final Chorus
**Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever, forever, forever**

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