

**WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024
+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

HOLY IS THE LORD

- 1. We stand and lift up our hands.
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great how awesome is He.**

Pre-chorus

**And together we sing.
Everyone sing.**

Chorus

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord god Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.**

- 2. We stand and lift up our hands.
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Everyone sing.**

Chorus

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
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Holy is the Lord god Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.**

Bridge

**It's rising up all around.
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up all around.
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.**

Chorus

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
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(Stand)

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

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

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

- P In Holy Baptism *[your name]* was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all *[his/her]* sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
C **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing the washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

- C **We give thanks that according to Your boundless mercy, You have beheld us and have blessed us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam, has been drowned and died. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we could be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(Stand)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P In thanksgiving for the revelation of Jesus Christ in His wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan, and for the revelation of God's name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all the baptized children of God, that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all who proclaim Jesus Christ, that through their godly message, many would repent of their sins and join Him in His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For families, that the Lord would bless all parents, especially mothers, to joyfully acknowledge the gifts of spouse, children and home; and for the elderly, the widowed and the orphaned, that our heavenly Father would show forth His grace to them so they would not feel alone, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the nations of the world, that the Lord would grant humility and integrity to rulers and bring forth justice according to His Word and will, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick, depressed, tired, confused and those in any need, [*especially* _____,] that they would know God's comfort; and for all expectant mothers and their children, [*especially* _____,] that they may have a safe delivery and be brought also to the life-giving waters of Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who have received Holy Baptism, that they would treasure this heavenly gift and so receive the body and blood of Christ for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for those who went before us, who passed the faith on to us and who now rest in Christ from all their labors, that since we have died with Christ in Baptism, we may be raised with Him also, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Sit)

LORD I NEED YOU

1. **Lord I come I confess
Bowling here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart**

Chorus 1

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

2. **Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me**

Chorus 1

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

Misc 1

(Bridge)

**So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay**

Chorus 2

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 3:1–3, 7–8, 13–17

¹Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ²At the end of three days the officers went through the camp ³and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it. . . .

⁷The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. ⁸And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’” . . .

¹³“And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.”

¹⁴So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), ¹⁶the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. ¹⁷Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

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

HOLY BAPTISM - SECOND

A *What benefits does Baptism give?*

C **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

A *Which are these words and promises of God?*

C **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **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 Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Sit)

LEAD ME TO THE CROSS

1. Savior I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

PRE-CHORUS

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross

2. You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now You're risen

PRE-CHORUS

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross

BRIDGE

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Chorus

Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me...

Chorus

Lead me to the cross,
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Rid me of myself, I belong to You
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SERMON

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Stand)

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

(Sit)

OFFERING (song during offering)

GIVE US CLEAN HANDS

**We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh Spirit, come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our idols.**

**So give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; let us not lift our souls to another.
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; let us not lift our souls to another.
O God, let us be a generation that seeks, seeks Your face, O God of Jacob.**

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PRAYER

P Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BENEDICAMUS

- A Let us bless the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

- 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.**

ABOVE ALL

- 1 Above all powers above all kings
 Above all nature and all created things
 Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
 You were here before the world began
- 2 Above all kingdoms above all thrones
 Above all wonders the world has ever known
 Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
 There's no way to measure
 What You're worth
- C Crucified laid behind the stone
 You lived to die rejected and alone
 Like a rose trampled on the ground
 You took the fall and thought of me
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