WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

9:00AM

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

COME NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship Come now is the time to give your heart Come just as you are to worship Come just as you are before your God Come

One day every tongue Will confess You are God One day every knee will bow Still the greatest treasure remains For those who gladly choose You now

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Ending Come Come Come

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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.
- P Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
- C Your faithfulness to the clouds.
- P How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
- C The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

- P They feast on the abundance of Your house,
- c and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.
- P For with You is the fountain of life;
- c in Your light do we see light.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- P As the Lord God delivered His chosen people from Egyptian slavery through the sea yet on dry ground, and as He delivered His chosen people from their captivity in Babylon of old, so has He now delivered His chosen people to this day from slavery to sin and death through the cross and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Remembering that your Holy Baptism is still a present reality today, let us return to the Lord our God in true repentance and faith.
- C Lord God, we confess that we have sinned against You and have fallen back into our old ways of neglecting You and our love for our neighbor. Create a new heart and spirit within us and make us to be Your new creation by faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live under Him and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness both today and forever.
- P But now thus says the Lord, He who created you and formed you, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine." Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

(Stand)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Psalm 43:3-5; antiphon: vv. 1-2a

INTROIT

Vindicate me, O God,

and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;

let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Vindicate me, O God,

and defend my cause against an ungodly people,

from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹"Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the just decrees that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ²that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD! Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

[You] delivered me from my enemies;

you rescued me from the man of violence.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 9:11–15

¹¹When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

¹⁵Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

TRACT

"Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth" let Israel now say—

"Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth, yet they have not prevailed against me.

The plowers plowed upon my back;

they made long their furrows."

The LORD is righteous;

he has cut the cords of the wicked.

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

John 8:46–59

Psalm 129:1-4

(Sit)

Deuteronomy 6:1–9



⁴⁶"Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? ⁴⁷Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

⁴⁸The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



(Veiling of the Cross)

(Sit)

BUILD MY LIFE (W/ APOSTLES' CREED)

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Verse 2 Jesus the name above ev'ry other name Jesus the only one who could ever save Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You We live for You

Chorus Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

Verse 3 Jesus the name above every other name Jesus the only one who could save Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for you Oh we live for you Worthy of every song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for you Oh, we live for you

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Bridge I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

Chorus Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

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SERMON

10,000 REASONS

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul, Worship His holy name Sing like never before O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

- The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes
- 2) You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus (musical interlude)

3) And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

(ENDING) Worship Your holy name Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name Worship Your holy name

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(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Holy Father, You have received Your ascended Son back into the more perfect tent of heaven, His sacrifice complete. Give Your Church an abundance of peace, knowing that He has purified our consciences from dead works and prepared the way to our eternal inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P O eternal Lord, Your Son has given us the new birth of water and the Word and planted faith in us, that we might be Your own children. Bless Your Church. Supply her with able, fearless and caring pastors to nurture us in Your Word. Raise up faithful fathers and those who teach and pray in Your name in every Christian household. Keep Your Church in Your mercy, that she may believe and love without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Uphold all civil authorities, especially Donald, our president, and _____, our governor. Preserve our nation in peace, and allow Your people to live quiet and peaceable lives in godliness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, do not cast down the souls in turmoil, but call them continually to Yourself and Your truth. Sustain [_______and] all who suffer among us. Lighten their darkness, bring Your joy to every sorrow and defend them against all evil. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Prepare our hearts, O God, and give us faith in the Word of Your Son, our great High Priest and the Mediator of the new testament in His blood. Make us worthy to eat His body and drink His blood, that in full confidence we may go to the altar of God, to our exceeding joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, everlasting Father, You saw Israel in their despair and raised them up to hope by placing Your Spirit upon them. Join us together with the communion of saints in Christ. Raise up our dry and weary spirits by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be strong in faith, bold in witness, holy in life and steadfast in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, God Almighty, through Your Son You have kept the promise of the ages and rescued us from sin. You have raised up the dry bones of a people captive to death and made us alive in Christ forever. Sustain us in this hope, that we may endure the tests, trials and troubles of this life and be ready when our Savior comes again in His glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

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- 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

WE FALL DOWN

Chorus And we cry holy, holy, holy And we cry holy, holy, holy And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

We fall down We lay our crowns At the feet of Jesus The greatness of mercy and love At the feet of Jesus

Chorus And we cry holy, holy, holy And we cry holy, holy, holy And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

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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."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

(Sit)

DISTRIBUTION

LORD I NEED YOU

1. Lord I come I confess Bowing 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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THE LION AND THE LAMB

Verse 1 He's coming on the clouds Kings and kingdoms will bow down And every chain will break As broken hearts declare His praise For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah He's roaring with power And fighting our battles And every knee will bow before Him Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb Every knee will bow before Him

Verse 2

So open up the gates Make way before the King of kings The God who comes to save Is here to set the captives free For who can stop the Lord Almighty Chorus Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah He's roaring with power And fighting our battles And every knee will bow before Him Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb Every knee will bow before Him

Bridge Who can stop the Lord Almighty Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

Chorus Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah He's roaring with power And fighting our battles And every knee will bow before Him Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb Every knee will bow before Him

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WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

1. You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1 What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus

2. You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down My sin was great Your love was greater What could separate us now

Chorus 2 What a wonderful Name it is What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a wonderful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus

Bridge

Death could not hold You The veil tore before You You silence the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again

Bridge

You have no rival You have no equal Now and forever God You reign Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King What a powerful Name it is Nothing can stand against What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus Ending What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus What a powerful Name it is The Name of Jesus

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(Stand)

(In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:)

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
- C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P We depart today and continue each day celebrating life:
- C life created by the Father;
- P life restored by Jesus Christ, the life of all the living, who is the resurrection and the life;
- c life sanctified by the living breath of the Holy Spirit.
- P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
- C Amen.

THE WONDERFUL CROSS

- 1) When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride
- See from His head His hands His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Chorus O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross All who gather here by grace Draw near and bless Your name

 Were the whole realm of nature mine That were an offering far too small Love so amazing so divine Demands my soul my life my all

Chorus (2x) O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross All who gather here by grace Draw near and bless Your name

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