

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025
+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

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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(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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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 +

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

²“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1–11, 51–57

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:5–15

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

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

⁵[Jesus said:] "But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'"
⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.
¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of all things visible and invisible

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
Begotten of the Father; that is, God of God, Light of Light
very God of very God, begotten, not made of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made both in heaven and on earth;
Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down and was incarnate and was made man;
He suffered, and the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven;
From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

And in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Sit)

BECAUSE HE LIVES

Verse 1

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus

Amen amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

(Because He lives)

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave

I was covered in sin and shame

I heard mercy call my name

He rolled the stone away

Chorus

Bridge
Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives every fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

Chorus

Ending
Because he Lives

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SERMON

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

(Sit)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

(Stand)

PREFACE

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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

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.**

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

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.**

(Sit)

DISTRIBUTION

CHAINBREAKER

Verse 1

**If you've been walking the same old road
For miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice
Tell the same old lies
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside
There's a better life
There's a better life**

Chorus

**If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker**

Verse 2

**We've all searched for the light of day
In the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out
From the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
When there's a better life
There's a better life**

Chorus

**If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker**

Bridge x3

**If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify**

Chorus

**If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker**

Ending

**Oh if you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains well He's a chain breaker**

GOD WITH US

- 1. Who are we, that You would be mindful of us?
What do You see, that's worth looking our way?
We are free, in ways that we never should be
Sweet release, from the grip of these chains**

Pre-Chorus

**Like hinges straining from the weight
My heart no longer can keep from singing**

Chorus

**All that is within me cries, For You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song,
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us**

- 2. Lord You know, Our hearts don't deserve Your glory
Still You show, A love we cannot afford**

Pre-Chorus

**Like hinges straining from the weight
My heart no longer can keep from singing**

Chorus

**All that is within me cries, For You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song,
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us**

BRIDGE

**Such a tiny offering, compared to Calvary
Nevertheless, we lay it at Your feet *REPEAT***

Chorus

**All that is within me cries, For You alone be glorified
Emmanuel, God with us
My heart sings a brand new song,
The debt is paid these chains are gone
Emmanuel, God with us**

AT YOUR NAME

- 1) At Your name
The mountains shake and crumble.
At Your name
The oceans roar and tumble.
At Your name angels will bow,
the earth will rejoice,
Your people cry out.

Chorus

Lord of all the earth...
We shout Your name, shout Your name
Filling up the skies...
With endless praise, endless praise
Yahweh Yahweh,
We love to shout Your name, oh Lord

- 2) At Your name
The morning breaks in glory.
At Your name
Creation sings Your story.
At Your name angels will bow,
the earth will rejoice,
Your people cry out

Chorus

Lord of all the earth...
We shout Your name, shout Your name
Filling up the skies...
With endless praise, endless praise
Yahweh Yahweh,
We love to shout Your name, oh Lord

Misc 1

(BRIDGE)

There is no one like our God
We will praise You praise You
There's no one like our God
We will sing, we will sing

There is no one like our God
We will praise You praise You
There's no one like our God
We will sing

There is no one like our God
We will praise You praise You
There's no one like our God
We will sing

Chorus 2x

Lord of all the earth...
We shout Your name, shout Your name
Filling up the skies...
With endless praise, endless praise
Yahweh Yahweh,
We love to shout Your name, oh Lord

(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 COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

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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.**

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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