

# WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

## PREPARATION

*The people gather in the sanctuary, where the only candle lit in the church is the Christ candle or the paschal candle.*

### Invocation

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

### Opening Sentences

*Psalm 113:1-4; 56:12-13*

- P Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!  
C **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!**
- P From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!  
C **The LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!**
- P I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.  
C **For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

### Confession and Absolution

- P Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.
- O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.  
C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P We confess that we have not lived as Your followers but have sought to go our own ways in directions that have not brought glory to You or blessing to others.  
C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, admitting with guilt that there have been times in which we have been loveless, thoughtless, and judgmental toward others, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.  
C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P We confess that Your will has not been our priority at all times and that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless in our circle of family, neighbors, and friends, and beyond.  
C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P We confess that we have not used every opportunity given to us to witness to the resurrection faith that is ours and have at times been slow to speak of the hope that is ours in Christ.  
C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**
- P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**
- P May the God of peace sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.  
C **Amen.**

## WORD

## Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Who You Say I Am

Verse 1

**Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me**

Chorus 1

**Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am**

Verse 2

**Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me**

Chorus 2

**Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am**

Bridge

**I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am  
(REPEAT)**

Chorus 2

**Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am**

## First Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .  
<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”  
<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

## Verse

*Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

C **Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:13–35*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.  
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Offering

### 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**

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**Sermon**

**Sermon Text**

*1 Peter 1:13–25*

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, <sup>15</sup>but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup>since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” <sup>17</sup>And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Apostles’ Creed**

*Nicene 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the God of all compassion, whose Spirit opens the Holy Scriptures, would enlighten us with the resurrection light that never fades, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faithful pastors, that they would proclaim repentance and forgiveness through Word and Sacrament to those near and those far off — everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all Christian homes, that they may be grounded in God's Word; and that husbands, wives and children may be united and nurtured in this Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our nation and the world, that the powers of darkness would be stifled and the reign of war, violence and terror come to an end; for our leaders, that they would work for the common good and pursue righteousness; for \_\_\_\_\_, our president; the Congress of the United States; \_\_\_\_\_, our governor; all state and local officials; all medical and emergency workers; and all members of the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, the suffering and the dying, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that the Lord would deliver and comfort them, guard them against despair, and grant them patience in days of trouble as we await His perfect healing, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we would know Christ and His compassion through the breaking of the bread; and that our hearts and mouths would be opened to receive forgiveness through the body and blood of Christ who suffered for us and has entered His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who mourn, that Christ — who has delivered our souls from death; our eyes from tears; and our feet from stumbling by His life, death and resurrection — would comfort them by that truth, so that they would not grieve as others do who have no such hope, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P These things and whatever else You know that we need, kind Father, grant us for the sake of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## **SACRAMENT**

### **Preface**

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.**

### **Proper Preface**

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for in Christ You have given us the victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Spirit, that we may receive Your blessings with true thanksgiving. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in the gladsome light of Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
C **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."

### **Proclamation of Christ**

- 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.**

### **Pax Domini**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **Amen.**

### **Distribution Hymns**

## 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,  
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

## Step By Step

- 1 O God, You are my God  
and I will ever praise You  
O God, You are my God  
and I will ever praise You
  
- 2 I will seek You in the morning  
and I will learn to walk in Your ways  
and step by step You'll lead me  
and I will follow You all of my days
  
- 3 O God, You are my God  
and I will ever praise You  
O God, You are my God  
and I will ever praise You
  
- 4 I will seek You in the morning  
and I will learn to walk in Your ways  
and step by step You'll lead me  
and I will follow You all of my days
  
- 5 And I will follow You all of my days  
I will follow You all of my days  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

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## 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**

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**Nunc Dimittis**

- A “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”
- C **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation  
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations  
and the glory of Your people Israel.  
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.**
- A “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

**Prayer**

- L 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. 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; 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**

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.**

## **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**

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