

# WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

## PREPARATION

### What a Glorious Night

Verse 1

The shepherds came to see the baby  
Stood by His mother's side  
Here laid the Savior inside a manger  
Oh what a glorious night  
Oh what a glorious night

Chorus

I hear the angels singin' hallelujah  
Let the earth receive her King  
I know that love has come sing it out  
Jesus Christ is born  
(I heard that) Jesus Christ is born  
(Yeah yeah)

Verse 2

The shepherds wondered they couldn't hide it  
They told ev'ryone in sight  
All were amazed when they heard how God came  
Down on the glorious night  
God came down on this glorious night

Bridge

Glorious glorious what a glorious night  
Glorious glorious what a glorious night

Verse 3

All is calm now all is quiet  
A star shining in the sky  
Below in Bethlehem the King is sleeping  
Oh what a glorious night  
Oh what a glorious night

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### Invocation

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

### Opening Sentences

*Psalm 27:1; 147:11; 104:24a, 31a; Isaiah 2:5b*

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
C **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,  
C **in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

P O LORD, how manifold are Your works!  
C **In wisdom have You made them all.**

- P May the glory of the LORD endure forever.  
C **Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

### Confession and Absolution

- P As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.
- P Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C **O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.**
- P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.  
C **Amen.**
- P As you believe, so let it be. 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.  
C **Amen.**

## WORD

### Salutation

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

### Prayer of the Day

- 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.**

### Handbell Choir

### Epistle

*1 Peter 3*

<sup>1</sup>Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives—<sup>2</sup>when they see your respectful and pure conduct. <sup>3</sup>Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothing—<sup>4</sup>but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. <sup>5</sup>For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their husbands, <sup>6</sup>as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

<sup>7</sup>Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup>Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup>For

“Whoever desires to love life  
and see good days,  
let him keep his tongue from evil  
and his lips from speaking deceit;

<sup>11</sup>let him turn away from evil and do good;  
let him seek peace and pursue it.  
<sup>12</sup>For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their prayer.  
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*John 14:1-14*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Offering

### How Great Thou Art

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;**

*Chorus*

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
How great Thou art!**

**But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin;**

*Chorus*

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
How great Thou art!**

*Final Chorus*

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

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## Sermon

## Class of 2026 Video

## Graduate Recognition

P “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Cor. 1:4). On **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, you will all cross the stage of your high school to receive a diploma. This will mark the end of your high school careers, and the start of something new. As this day approaches, we begin with words of thanksgiving.

P For every Teacher...

C **Thank You, Lord.**

P For every coach and leader of the many extra-curricular activities...

C **Thank you, Lord.**

P For our Principals, school administrators, and school board members...

C **Thank you, Lord.**

P For the school secretaries, for nurses, and guidance counselors...

C **Thank you, Lord.**

P For those who work in the cafeteria, for custodians, for bus drivers, and for all others not yet mentioned who helped in some way to get every student to this point...

C **Thank you, Lord.**

*(Students turn to face towards their parents.)*

P Thank you Parents...

- R *(graduates) Thank you for loving me. Thank you for caring for me. Thank you for bringing me to school and many activities. Thank you for feeding me right. Thank you for giving me clothes and a home. Thank you for sticking with me in my good days, my bad days, and the days we frustrated one another. Thank you.*
- R *(Parents/Guardians) We love you and give thanks to God always for you. Go forth with our blessing and our love. Amen.*
- P The Lord bless you and keep you as both graduates and families enter into this new phase of your life...
- C **Amen.**
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- C **Yes, I believe 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.**
- P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C **Yes, 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.**
- P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- C **I do, by the grace of God.**
- P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- C **I do, by the grace of God.**
- P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- C **I do, by the grace of God.**
- P Go in peace, and serve the Lord throughout your days, with his blessing: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C *Amen*
- C **We your brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray our blessing upon you as you go forth in the name of the Lord and continue to serve him. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

- P ...Lord in Your Mercy.
- C **Hear Our Prayer.**

### 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.

## 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 all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has come in the flesh and for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Rejoicing in our Baptism, which creates faith in our hearts and daily renews us, we laud and magnify Your holy name. With joy we join in the unending praise of the angels and archangels and all who rejoice in light eternal.

### 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."

## **Pax Domini**

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

## **Distribution Hymns**

### **All the People Said Amen**

1) **You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you feel afraid you're not the only  
We are all the same in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on  
But thank God it's all you need**

#### *Chorus*

**And all the people said amen whoa  
And all the people said amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said amen**

2) **If you're rich or poor well it don't matter  
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And He so loved the world  
He sent His son to save us all**

#### *Chorus*

**And all the people said amen whoa  
And all the people said amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said amen**

#### *Bridge*

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start  
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God**

#### *Chorus (2x)*

**And all the people said amen whoa  
And all the people said amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said amen**

#### *Ending*

**And all the people said amen**

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## Soul On Fire

*Chorus 1*

**God I'm running for Your heart  
I'm running for Your heart  
'Til I am a soul on fire  
Lord I'm longing for Your ways  
I'm waiting for the day  
When I am a soul on fire  
( 'Til I am a soul on fire)**

*Verse 1*

**Lord restore the joy I had  
I have wandered bring me back  
In this darkness lead me through  
Until all I see is You yeah**

*(Bridge)*

**Lord let me burn for You again  
Let me return to You again  
And Lord let me burn for You again  
And let me return to You again**

*Chorus 2*

**God I'm running for Your heart  
I'm running for Your heart  
'Til I am a soul on fire  
'Til I am a soul on fire  
'Til I am a soul on fire**

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## Shine, Jesus Shine

- 1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

*Chorus*

**Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

- 2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;  
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

*Chorus*

**Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

3. **As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me shine on me**

*Chorus*

**Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.**

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## **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.**

## **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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