

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

PREPARATION

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 8:1; Genesis 1:3, 31

P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
C **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

P And God said, "Let there be light,"
C **and there was light.**

P And God saw everything that He had made,
C **and behold, it was very good.**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us come before God with our sins to acknowledge them before Him and in the presence of one another.
C **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed to be the people You have created us to be. We daily miss the mark of being very good, and we fail to be Your representatives in the care of Your good creation. With the early disciples, although we do believe, sometimes we doubt. Only by Your grace are we able to come before You and find peace and joy. Remind us of Your great love and mercy for us.**

P Jesus has joyful work for us to do. He has commanded us to go, teach, and baptize. And, despite our sins, He also promised, "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God's majesty is not only in creating the world in which we live but in loving us despite our daily failures. He sent His Son to forgive our every sin. As David wrote, "I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken" (Acts 2:25).

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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

1. **Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**
2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus

**My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace**

**3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures**

Chorus

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My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace**

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**My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
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Unending love amazing grace**

**4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

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Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Father, have mercy on us.**

P Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Christ, have mercy on us.**

P Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Holy Spirit, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty God, because of the sin within us and around us and realizing that You are aware of all things,
C **by Your love in sending Your Son and giving us the Holy Spirit to guide us, we rejoice that You go with us to defend us against all adversity;**

P to You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honor, and praise, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Gospel Lesson--Visitation

Luke 1:39–45

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my

Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

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

Reading

Romans 1:14–31

¹⁴I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

²⁶For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

²⁸And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

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

Verse

Isaiah 6:3b

P Alleluia.
C **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;**

P the whole earth is full of His glory!
C **Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16–20

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

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

Offering

In Christ Alone

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

- 2 In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on the cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

- 3 There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

- 4 No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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Sermon

Athanasian Creed

- P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
C **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- P And the catholic faith is this,
C **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- P For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
L **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
C **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

- P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
 C **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
 C **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- P In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
 C **and yet there are not three Almighty's, but one Almighty.**
- P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
 C **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
 C **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- P Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so
 also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
 C **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
 C **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but
 proceeding.**
- P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
 C **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- P but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been
 stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
 C **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus
 Christ.
 C **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
 is at the same time both God and man.**
- P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the
 substance of His mother in this age:
 C **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- P equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
 C **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- P one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into
 God;
 C **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- P For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
 C **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- P ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will
 come to judge the living and the dead.
 C **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own
 deeds.**
- P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
 C **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

Prayer of the Church

Psalm 8:2, 4–6, 9

P Let us pray for the world around us, all people, and ourselves.

“Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength.”

Grant wisdom and love for families in and beyond this congregation, O Lord. We give thanks for growing families and that they grow stronger in love as You guide and protect them.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

P “When I look at Your heavens, . . . what is man that You are mindful of him.”

Grant humility to all of us. Grant that we grow in faith toward You and love toward one another.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

P “Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings.”

Grant us grace to acknowledge the true place of governments and nations, care workers and medical professionals, and those who tend crops and herds, as they seek to meet the needs of the people under their care.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

P You have “crowned him with glory and honor.”

Open the eyes of the proud, who seek ever greater power and prestige, that they may find true greatness in serving as You have, in love and mercy.

C **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

Special concerns may be added.

P You have given us “dominion over the works of Your hands.”

Give wisdom and guidance to everyone who manages Your good creation that all people may be fed, peace may break out, and many people around us will join to say,

C **“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!”**

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. 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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Lord's Prayer

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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.**

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

Our God

1. Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You
2. Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God, our God

Bridge

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against?

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Chorus

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Awesome in power our God, our God

No Longer Slaves

Verse 1

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Verse 2

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

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Chainbreaker - Smith

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**

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P 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.**

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.**

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**

- 1) 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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