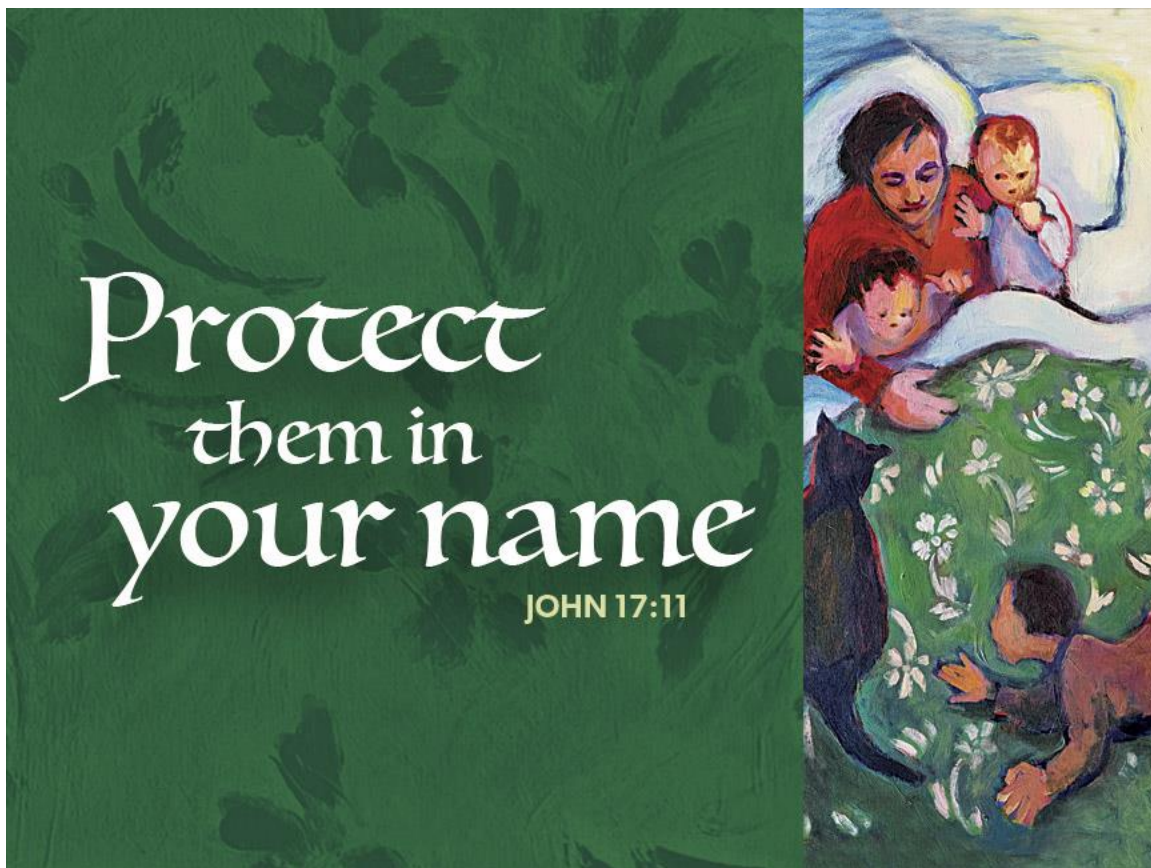


7th Sunday of Easter

Praise Service



May 12, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

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+ Stand if you are able.

The Praise Team invites everyone to sing along

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - Wonderful, Merciful Savior (PRAISE TEAM ONLY)

Wonderful merciful Savior

Precious Redeemer and Friend

Who would have thought that a Lamb

Could rescue the souls of men

Oh You rescue the souls of men

Chorus

You are the One that we praise

You are the One we adore

You give the healing and grace

Our hearts always hunger for

Oh our hearts always hunger for

Counselor Comforter Keeper

Spirit we long to embrace

You offer hope when our hearts

Have hopelessly lost the way

Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus

Almighty infinite Father

Faithfully loving Your own

Here in our weakness You find us

Falling before Your throne

Oh we're falling before Your throne

Chorus

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.

Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

We live in that love and seek to serve God.

Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.

May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love.

+ PRAISE SONG - Son of Heaven (twice, PRAISE TEAM ONLY)

Behold Him behold Him

Lift up your eyes see the Son of Heaven

Hosanna Hosanna

Pour out your praise sing the name of Jesus

+ PRAISE HYMN - My Jesus, I Love Thee

1 My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee, all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'Tis now.

2 I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'Tis now.

3 I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
and say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'Tis now.

4 In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
and singing thy praises, before thee I'll bow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'Tis now.



+ PRAISE SONG - Great Things

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the
grave
You free every captive and break every
chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and
alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted
high
O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every
storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Chorus

+ PRAYER

Merciful God, we thank You for the testimony of Your faithfulness and goodness that we have in the cross of Christ. Thank You for your loyal love and compassion that provides everything I need to live a life that pleases and serves You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

READING - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know

everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

PSALM 1

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

READING - 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

PRAISE SONG - Because He Lives

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)

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 twice

Because He lives

Because He lives

OFFERING

+ OFFERING PRAYER

All good gifts come from You, O God, and from these riches, we bring this offering. Help us to use it for your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. **AMEN**

+ GOSPEL READING - John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

MESSAGE

Pastor Brian

+ PRAISE SONG - How Beautiful

Verse 1

How beautiful the hands that served
The wine and the bread and the sons of
the earth

How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the
cross

Chorus

How beautiful how beautiful
How beautiful is the body of Christ

Verse 2

How beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That chose to forgive and never despise

Chorus

Bridge

And as He laid down His life
We offer this sacrifice

+ CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PRAYERS - Response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That we will live just as He died
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price

Verse 3

How beautiful the radiant Bride
Who waits for her Groom with His light
in her eyes
How beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others
may live

Chorus

Verse 4

How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of
the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of
the earth

Chorus

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

+ PRAISE HYMN - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
- 3 Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

+ BLESSING

Jesus. Our way, our truth, our life. Who loves us, who died for us, and who prays for us. Praying that we would be protected from evil. Praying that we would be one. And praying that we would be so secure in his truth, that we would be able to rescue those around us who are struggling to find a truth on which to rest, and build a life of meaning and hope, asking that we share it with the world. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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