

**--THE LORD'S PRAYER---Caribbean** (Matthew 6: 9-13)

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven.  
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2...As in heaven, so on the earth.  
Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.  
Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who  
trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 4...And lead us not into temptation.  
Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.  
Forever and forevermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.  
Hallowed be Thy name.

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**--WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION "Jesus, Messiah"**

(Psalm 18:2)

Verse 1...He became sin, Who knew no sin; that we might  
become His righteousness; He humbled Himself, and carried  
the cross. Love so amazing. Love so amazing.

Chorus...Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel. The Rescue for sinners,  
the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

Verse 2...His body the bread, His blood the wine broken and  
poured out, all for love. The whole earth trembled, and the veil  
was torn. Love so amazing, Love so amazing. Chorus...

Bridge...All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;  
all the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.

Sing Chorus, then...Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

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**"Draw Me Close to You"** (Psalm 73:25-28)

Verse...Draw me close to You, never let me go. I lay it all down  
again to hear You say that I'm Your friend. You are my desire,  
no one else will do. 'Cause nothing else can take Your place,  
to feel the warmth of Your embrace. Help me find the way,  
bring me back to You.

Chorus...You're all I want. You're all I've ever needed.  
You're all I want, help me know You are near.

Repeat Chorus, then...Help me know You are near,  
help me know You are near.

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**--COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and  
preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart in peace.

**--BENEDICTION**

**--CLOSING SONG "You Never Let Go"**

(Psalm 23:4; 27:1, Romans 8:41, 2 Peter 1:19, 1 John 4:18)

Verse 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.

Channel...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 every high and every low.  
Oh no, You never let go, Lord, You never let go of me.

Verse 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. Sing Channel and Chorus...

Verse 3...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.

Sing Chorus twice...

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

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**THE CONNECTION**

February 18, 2024 10:30am



**--PRESERVICE SONG "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"**

**--ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**--WORSHIP SONG "God Will Make a Way"**

(Isaiah 41:10, 43:18-19, 55:8; Mark 13:31; Psalm 25:5)

Chorus...God will make a way where there seems to be no way.  
He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me.  
He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side.  
With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way.  
He will make a way.

Verse...By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me.  
Rivers in the desert will I see. Heaven and earth will fade,  
but His Word will still remain, and He will do something new  
today!

Chorus, then...With love and strength for each new day,  
God will make a way. God will make a way.

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**(Please stand)**

**INVOCATION**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy  
Spirit.

**C. Amen**

**--CONFESSION OF SINS**

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have  
saved us. You've rescued us from the coldness of our  
sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our  
daily living. Our thoughts don't always follow Your  
thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin  
against not only You, but against our neighbors, as  
well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your  
love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus' name we  
pray. Amen.**

**--FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

**--STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostle's Creed***  
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 everlasting. Amen

*(Please sit)*

**--FIRST LESSON *Genesis 22:1-18***

<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."

<sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns.

*(continued...)*

And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

L. Here ends the first reading.

**--SECOND LESSON *James 1:12-18***

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

L. Here ends the second reading.

*(Please stand)*

**--GOSPEL LESSON *Mark 1:9-15***

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

*(Please sit)*

**--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG "Giving It All to You"**

*Verse 1...*A thousand voices calling out my name, they promise me their riches, and they offer me their fame. From the dust they rise, but there they fade. So I will give my ev'rything to One who will remain.

*Chorus...*All to the Father, all to the Savior, all to the Spirit, now and forever. Here is my life, I'm giving it all to You. All to Your kingdom, all to Your honor, all to Your wisdom, glory and power. Jesus, my life, I'm giving it all to You.

*Verse 2...*There is no other joy as great as this: to know that underneath Your blood my shame does not exist. So I lay my heart before Your throne, and lose myself completely to be found in You alone. *Chorus...*

*Bridge...*And all this world is not enough to match the wonder of your love. So ev'ry day You let me live, with ev'ry breath I take I choose to give...

*Sing Chorus then...*Jesus, my life, I'm giving it all to You. Jesus, my life, I'm giving it all to You.

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**--MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

**"JESUS STEPS IN THE WATER FOR YOU"**

*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

*(Please stand)*

**--PRAYERS**

***(Sung at beginning of prayers)***

**"The Spirit Intercedes For Us" (Romans 8:26)**

The Spirit intercedes for us,  
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

*The pastor will conclude the prayers with:  
"Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray..."*

***(Sung at end of the prayers)***

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The Spirit intercedes for us,  
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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