

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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“Lord, I Need You” (Psalm 116:6b; Hebrews 4:16; Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 2:8-10)

Verse 1...Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest. Without You, I fall apart.
You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus...Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Every hour, I need You. My one defense, my righteousness,
oh God, how I need You.

Verse 2...Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found, is where You are. Where You are,
Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. Chorus...

Bridge...So teach my song to rise to You, when temptation
comes my way. When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.
Jesus, You're my hope and stay. Chorus...

Tag...You're my one defense, my righteousness,
oh God, how I need You. My one defense,
my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

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“Only Your Mercy” (Titus 3:4-7; Ephesians 2: 1, 4-5, 8-9)

Verse 1...Only Your mercy, only Your grace, only Your Spirit
brings us to faith; O what a wonder that You chose us first,
not by our merit, but Your perfect work.

Verse 2...Only Your goodness, only Your love, only Your pardon
poured out in blood; Your righteousness exchanged for our sin,
O what a Savior, O what a Friend!

Chorus...Jesus, we long to worship You, and give You all glory
and praise; All that You are, all that You have, we have received
by faith. All that You are, all that You have, we have received by
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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

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. Amen.**

--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

April 21, 2024 10:30am



The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service.
Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession
and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a
Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG “*Hope of the Nations*”

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG “*Lord, Reign in Me*” (Psalm 146:5-7)

Verse 1...Over all the earth, You reign on high,
every mountain stream, every sunset sky. But my one
request, Lord, my only aim is that You'd reign in me again.

Chorus...Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r;
over all my dreams, in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again.

Verse 2...Over every thought, over every word, may my life
reflect the beauty of my Lord; 'cause You mean more to me
than any earthly thing. So won't You reign in me again.

Repeat Chorus twice, then...Won't You reign in me again,
won't You reign in me again.

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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

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen**

--STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles' 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 *Acts 4:1-12*

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

L. Here ends the first reading.

--SECOND LESSON *1 John 3:16-24*

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.

²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON *John 10:11-18*

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

(Please sit)

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG

"Psalm 23 --And I Will Follow"

Chorus...(Yes,) (For) The Lord is my true shepherd, no want nor fear I know; He leads me by safe paths, and I will follow.

Verse 1... Fresh and green are the pastures where my new home will be; the waters will be clean and clear; that's where He leads me. Through dark and lonely days, when hope seems gone, He leads me to the place where peace is won.

Chorus...

Verse 2... A banquet will be ready when I come home to stay; my family will gather round on that great day. Good and kindness will follow me for the rest of my days. I'll live in the house of my Lord; oh grant that I may.

Chorus, then... And I will follow. And I will follow.

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD" (Text: John 10:14)

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)

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

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

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--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.

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