

**--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 "I Will Rise"** (Revelation 4:12; 21:4)

Verse 1...There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and  
flesh may fail. There's an anchor for my soul I can say "It is well."

Channel...Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed; the  
victory is won, He is risen from the dead.

Chorus...And I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow,  
no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings; before my God fall on my  
knees, and rise. I will rise.

Verse 2...There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness  
breaks to light, and the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be  
my eyes. Repeat Channel and Chorus...

Bridge...And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!" And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart,  
"Worthy is the Lamb!"

Repeat Bridge, then... "Worthy is the Lamb!"

Repeat Chorus, then...I will rise.

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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**

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 "Your Grace is Enough"** (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Verse 1...Great is Your faithfulness, oh God. You wrestle with the  
sinner's heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing  
can keep us apart.

Channel...So remember Your people, remember Your children,  
remember Your promise, oh God.

Chorus...Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough.  
Your grace is enough for me.

Verse 2...Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to  
lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all  
Your people sing along.

Repeat Channel, Chorus twice, then Channel, then...

Chorus 2...Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your  
grace is enough for me. Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching  
down to us. Your grace is enough for me. Your grace is enough.  
I'm covered in Your blood. Your grace is enough for me. For me.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

**\*\*\* TO GOD BE THE GLORY \*\*\***

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**THE CONNECTION**

February 16, 2025 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 "We Delight"**

**--ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**--WORSHIP SONG "Hope of the Nations"**

Verse...Jesus, Hope of the nations, Jesus, Comfort of all  
who mourn, You are the source of Heaven's Hope on earth.  
Jesus, Light in the darkness, Jesus, Truth in each circumstance,  
You are the source of Heaven's Light on earth.

Channel...In history You lived and died. You broke the chains,  
You rose to life.

Chorus...You are the Hope living in us, You are the Rock in  
whom we trust, You are the Light shining for all the world to see.  
You rose from the dead, conquering fear, Our Prince of Peace  
drawing us near. Jesus, our Hope living for all who will receive.

Repeat Chorus, then... Lord, we believe. Lord, we believe.  
Lord, we believe.

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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 liv-  
ing. 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 *Jeremiah 17:5-8***

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.  
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

L. Here ends the first reading.

**--SECOND LESSON *1 Corinthians 15:1-20***

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

*(continued...)*

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

L. Here ends the second reading.

**(Please stand)**

**--GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 6:17-26***

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

*(continued...)*

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

**(Please sit)**

**--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG "Ancient Words"**

Verse 1...Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope. In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus...Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you; We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

Verse 2...Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice. O, heed the faithful words of Christ. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart;

Sing Chorus twice, then...We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.

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**--MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

**"THE BEATITUDES—FOUR BLESSINGS VS. FOUR WOES"**

*(Text: Luke 6:17-26) 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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