

Contemporary Worship

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Preservice Song: “All Creatures Of Our God And King”

By Jonathan Baird, Ryan Baird, St Francis Of Assisi, and William

Intro (2x)

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him, alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him, O praise Him, alle - luia, alle - luia, alle - lu - ia

Intro

Verse 2

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him, alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise the Spirit three in One

O praise Him, O praise Him, alle - luia, alle - luia, alle - lu - ia

nk:D

Verse 3

All the redeemed washed by His blood

Come and rejoice in His great love

O praise Him, alleluia

Christ has defeated every sin

Cast all your burdens now on Him

O praise Him, O praise Him, alle - luia, alle - luia, alle - lu - ia

Verse 4

He shall return in pow'r to reign, heaven and earth will join to say

O praise Him, alle - luia

Then who shall fall on bended knee, all creatures of our God and King

O praise Him, O praise Him, alle - luia, alle - luia

Tag

O praise Him, O praise Him, alle - luia, alle - luia, alle - lu - ia

Welcome/Greet One Another

Desert Song

By Brooke Fraser

Intro

Verse 1

This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who pro - vides

Verse 2

This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame, and

Chorus

I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall re - main
I will re - joice, I will de - clare
God is my victory and He is here

Instrumental

Verse 3

This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a con - queror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His pro - mise I'll stand

Chorus

I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall re - main
I will re - joice, I will de - clare
God is my victory and He is here

Transition

Bridge (2x)

All of my life in every season, You are still God
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship

Chorus

I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall re - main
I will re - joice, I will de - clare
God is my victory and He is here

Tag 1 (2x)

Tag 2

This is my prayer in the harvest
When favour and providence flow

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I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've re - ceived I will sow

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C **Amen.**

One Thing Remains

By Christa Black, Jeremy Riddle, and Brian Johnson

Intro, V1, C, V2, C, B, C, V2, C, B, Outro, E

Intro

Verse 1

And it's higher than the mountains that I face
And it's stronger than the power of the grave
And it's constant in the trial and the change
This one thing re - mains, this one thing re - mains

Chorus

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love, Your lo - ve

Verse 2

And on and on and on and on and on it goes
Yes, it overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I'll never, ever have to be a - fraid
This one thing re - mains, this one thing re - mains

Chorus

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me
Your love, Your lo - ve

Bridge

In death, in life, I'm confident and covered by
The pow'r of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate

My heart from Your great love

Chorus

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me

Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me

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Your love, Your lo - ve

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Your love, Your lo - ve

Tag

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Yes, Your lo - ve, Your love, I know, Lord

It's Your love, Your love

First Reading

Genesis 9:1-15

¹ And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ²The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. ⁶"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. ⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it." ⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 14:12-20

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

“Just as I Am, without One Plea” (LSB 570)

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering

Please take a moment and fill out the Connect Card inserted into the news bulletin. Completed Connect Cards can be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayers

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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 Institution

Pastor: 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of the Lord

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with You always.

People: And also with you.

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Please see our Communion Statement on the front side of the news bulletin insert for an explanation of our beliefs and practices regarding Holy Communion, as well as questions you can use in your personal preparation.

Distribution Music:

“Thank You Jesus For The Blood”

By Bryan McCleery, Charity Gayle, David Gentiles, Ryan Kennedy, and Steven

Intro

Verse 1

I was a wretch, I re - member who I was
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time
Sin separat - ed, the breach was far too wide
But from the far side of the chasm, You held me in Your sight

Verse 2

So You made a way a - cross the great divide
Left be - hind Heaven's throne to build it here in - side
And there at the cross, You paid the debt I owed
Broke my chains, freed my soul for the first time I had hope

Chorus

Thank You Jesus, for the blood ap - plied
Thank You Jesus, it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus, You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into glor - ious light

Transition

Verse 3

You took my place, laid in - side my tomb of sin
You were buried for three days, but then You walked right out a - gain
And now death has no sting and life has no end
For I have been trans - formed, by the blood of the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge

There is nothing stronger than the wonder working power
Of the blood, the blood
That calls us sons and daughters, we are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood, the blood

Chorus

Thank You Jesus for the blood ap - plied
Thank You Jesus, it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus, You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into glor - ious light

Kyrie Eleison

By Chris Tomlin, Matt Maher, Matt Redman, and Jason Ingram

Intro

Verse

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mercy

Hear our cry and heal our land

Let kindness lead us to re - pentance

Bring us back a - gain

Chorus 1 (2x)

For Your Name is great and Your heart is grace, Kyrie elei - son

Over all Your reign, You a - lone can save, Kyrie elei - son

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy on us now

Bridge 1

Who is this God who pardons all our sin

So ready to for - give, You de - light to show your mer - cy

Who is this God who pardons all our sin

So ready to for - give, You de - light to show your mer - cy

Bridge 2

Who is this God who pardons all our sin

So ready to for - give, You de - light to show Your mer - cy

Who is this God who pardons all our sin

So ready to for - give, You de - light to show Your mer - cy

Chorus 2

For Your Name is great and Your heart is grace, Kyrie elei - son

Over all Your reign, You a - lone can save, Kyrie elei - son

For Your Name is great and Your heart is grace, Kyrie elei - son

Over all Your reign, You a - lone can save, Kyrie elei - son

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy

Christ have mer - cy on us now

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Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: 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 ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Announcements

Graves Into Gardens

By Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Tiffany Hammer

Intro

Verse 1

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise, and treasures that fade are never enough

Verse 2

Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied, here in Your love

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You, there's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing, nothing is better than You

Intro

Verse 3

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all, and You still call me friend

Verse 4

'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Chorus

Transition (2x)

Bridge 1 (2x)

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can

Bridge 2

You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

Chorus (2x)

Transition

Bridge 2

Tag

You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

End

