

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

Preservice Handbells

YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

- 1) Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

PRE-CHORUS

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

- 2) Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

PRE-CHORUS

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Chorus

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

PRE-CHORUS

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 2

Yeah, Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing, Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
C **and cleanse me from my sin!**

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
C **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

P Merciful Father,
C **we beg You, O Lord, to have mercy upon us sinners. Though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, deliver us according to the mercy You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restore us as Your own sons and daughters. Forgive us all our sins, create in us new and contrite hearts, and instill in us the will and desire for all that is good and right and true. Make us to know Your will and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.
C **Amen.**

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

**that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.**

I was glad when they said to me,
“**Let us go to the house of the LORD!**”

Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May they be secure who love you!**

For my brothers and companions' sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C **And with your spirit.**

PRAYER

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

NO LONGER SLAVES

Verse 1

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Verse 2

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God
You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God, I am a child of God

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

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READING

Isaiah 49:8–13

A The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 49.

⁸Thus says the LORD:

"In a time of favor I have answered you;
in a day of salvation I have helped you;

I will keep you and give you
as a covenant to the people,

to establish the land,
to apportion the desolate heritages,

⁹saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,'
to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.'

They shall feed along the ways;
on all bare heights shall be their pasture;

¹⁰they shall not hunger or thirst,
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them,
for he who has pity on them will lead them,
and by springs of water will guide them.

¹¹And I will make all my mountains a road,
and my highways shall be raised up.

¹²Behold, these shall come from afar,
and behold, these from the north and from the west,
and these from the land of Syene."

¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
for the LORD has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Acts 2:41–47

A The Epistle is from Acts, chapter 2.

⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

APOSTLES' CREED

C **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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

IN CHRIST ALONE

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My comforter my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand
- 2 In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on the cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live
- 3 There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ
- 4 No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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SERMON

SERMON TEXT

John 6:1–15

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he

would do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

OFFERING (SONG DURING OFFERING)

LET IT RISE

Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the praises of the King
Rise among us
Let it rise

Chorus

Oh let it rise
Oh let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the joy of the King
Rise among us
Let it rise

Chorus

Oh let it rise
Oh let it rise

Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord
Rise among us
Let the praises of the King
Rise among us
Let it rise

Chorus

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.

BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**

LEAD ME TO THE CROSS

1. Savior I come quiet my soul
 Remember redemption's hill
 Where Your blood was spilled
 For my ransom

PRE-CHORUS

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross

2. You were as I tempted and tried human
 The word became flesh
 Bore my sin and death
 Now You're risen

PRE-CHORUS

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross

BRIDGE

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Chorus

Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me...

Chorus

Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross

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