

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025
9:00 AM

(Stand)

OPENING VERSICLES

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

WORD OF GOD SPEAK

1) I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

Chorus

**Word of God speak Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty To be still and know
That You're in this place Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness Word of God speak**

2) I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice

Chorus

**Word of God speak Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty To be still and know
That You're in this place Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness Word of God speak**

Chorus

**Word of God speak Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty To be still and know
That You're in this place Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness Word of God speak**

(ENDING)

**I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay**

(Sit)

PSALM 53

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¹The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”
They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity;
there is none who does good.

²God looks down from heaven
on the children of man
**to see if there are any who understand,
who seek after God.**

³They have all fallen away;
together they have become corrupt;
**there is none who does good,
not even one.**

⁴Have those who work evil no knowledge,
**who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not call upon God?**

⁵There they are, in great terror,
where there is no terror!

For God scatters the bones of him who encamps against you;
you put them to shame, for God has rejected them.

⁶Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
**When God restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.**

READING

Hebrews 4:9–13

L A reading from Hebrews, chapter 4.

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Luke 8:4–15

L A reading from Luke, chapter 8.

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable:
⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” ⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’” ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked

by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY

- L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

CHILDREN SING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Stand)

TEN COMMANDMENTS

- C **You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

(Sit)

WHO YOU SAY I AM

Verse 1

**Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me**

Chorus 1

**Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

Verse 2

**Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me**

Chorus 2

**Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

Bridge

**I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am
(REPEAT)**

Chorus 2
**Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

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SERMON

SERMON TEXT: EXODUS 20:1-17

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¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

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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(Stand)

PRAYER

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

L O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**
- Amen.**

BLESSING

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C **Amen.**

HOLY IS THE LORD

1. **We stand and lift up our hands.
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great how awesome is He.**

Pre-chorus

**And together we sing.
Everyone sing.**

Chorus

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord god Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.**

2. **We stand and lift up our hands.
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now.
How great how awesome is He.**

Pre-chorus

**And together we sing.
Everyone sing.**

Chorus

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord god Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.**

Bridge

**It's rising up all around.
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up all around.
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.**

Chorus

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
Holy is the Lord god Almighty.
The earth is filled with His glory.
The earth is filled with His glory.**

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