ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, May 12, 2024 11:00 AM

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AS WE GATHER

The Easter season finds its culmination in the high priestly prayer of Jesus. With this we are reminded that the Lord is praying for us, for our faith, and for our unity in the faith, so that we may fulfill His purpose in making known all that He has done. It should be of great comfort to us that on the night of His betrayal, our Lord does not pray for Himself but for His disciples and those who will believe through their witness. United in faith and living together our common life under His Word and at His Table, we are strengthened in unity and in mission.

PRESERVICEInstrumental

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: THIS IS OUR GOD Wickham

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame They were like prisons that we couldn't escape But He came and He died and He rose Those walls are rubble now Remember those giants we called death and grave They were like mountains that stood in our way But He came and He died and He rose Those giants are dead now

CHORUS: This is our God this is who He is

He loves us

This is our God this is what He does

He saves us

He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim This is our God King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will CHORUS

BRIDGE: Who pulled me out of that pit

He did He did

Who paid for all of our sin Nobody but Jesus REPEAT

Who rescued me from that grave

Yahweh Yahweh

Who gets the glory and praise

Nobody but Jesus (Him) (REPEAT) CHORUS

TAG: He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim This is our God King Jesus

(Please Stand)

INVOCATION Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- In the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

(or)

- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12; Philippians 1:6*
- C Amen.

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray.
 O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.

¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office."

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING Acts 1:12-26

12तब तिनीहरू जैतून भिनने पहाड़बाट यरूशलेम फर्के। यरूशलेमदेखि यो पहाड प्राय: एक किलोमिटर जित टाढ़ा पर्छ। 13सहर भित्र पसेपिछ तिनीहरू माथिल्लो तलाको आफू बस्ने कोठामा उक्ले। तिनीहरूचािहँ पत्रुस, यूहन्ना, याकूब, □िन्द्रियास, फिलिप र थोमा, बारथोलोमाइ र मत्ती, □ल्फयसको छोरो याकूब र उग्रपन्थी दलको सिमोन र याकूबको छोरो यहूदा थिए। 14कित जना स्त्रीहरू र येशूकी आमा मिरयम □िन उहाँका भाइहरूका साथ यिनीहरू सबै एक मनका भएर निरन्तर प्रार्थना गिररहन्थे।

15ती दिनमा भाइहरूका बीचमा पत्रुस खड़ा भए (यी मानिसहरूको संख्या प्राय: एक सय बीस थियो), र भने, 16"भाइ हो, धर्मशास्त्रको वचन पूरा हुनुपर्दथियो, जुन वचन येशूलाई पक्रनेहरूको □ गुवा यहूदाको विषयमा दाऊदको मुखबाट □ घिबाटै पवित्र आत्माले बोल्नुभएको थियो। 17िकनिक त्यसको गणना हामीसँगै भएको थियो। र यही सेवामा त्यसले हिस्सा पाएको थियो।"

18त्यस मानिसले □धर्मको कमाइबाट एउटा जग्गा किन्यो, र उँधोमुन्टो भई खस्यो र त्यसको भुँड़ी फुट्यो, र त्यसका सबै आन्द्रा-भुँड़ी निस्के। 19यो कुरा यरूशलेमका बासिन्दाहरू सबैलाई थाहा भयो। त्यो जग्गाको नाउँ तिनीहरूको आफ्नो भाषामा आखेल्दामा राखियो, □र्थात रगतको खेत।

20पत्रुसले भने, "किनकि भजनको पुस्तकमा यसो लेखिएको छ,

'त्यसको वासस्थान उजाड होस्,

र त्यहाँ वास गर्ने कोही नहोस्,

र त्यसको कार्य पदाधिकार 🗋 र्कोले लिओस्।'

21यसैकारण हाम्रा साथमा रहने मानिसहरू मध्ये यस्तो एक जना छान्नु आवश्यक छ, जुन व्यक्ति प्रभु येशू हाम्रा बीचमा रही भित्र-बाहिर गर्नुहुँदा सधैँ हामीसँग थियो, 220 र्थात् यस्तो व्यक्ति जो यूहन्नाको बप्तिस्मादेखि लिएर उहाँ हामीबाट उँभो लगिनुभएको दिनसम्म हामीसँग थियो। त्यो मानिस हामी सँगसँगै उहाँको पुनरुत्थानको साक्षी हुनुपर्छ।"

23ितनीहरूले दुई जनां, पर्धात् बारसाबास भन्ने योसेफ, जसको कुलनाउँ युस्तस थियो, र मितयासको नाउँ प्रस्ताव गरे। 24ितनीहरूले यसरी प्रार्थना गरे, "सबै मानिसका हृदयको कुरा जान्नुहुने प्रभु, यी दुईमध्ये तपाईंले कसलाई चुन्नुभएको छ सो हामीलाई देखाउनुहोस, 25र त्यो यस सेवा र प्रेरितको काममा प्रवेश गर्न सकोस्, जुन सेवाबाट यहूदा भड्केर आफ्नो निज ठाउँमा मन्यो।" 26 नि तिनीहरूले ती दुईका बीचमा गोला हाले, र मितयासको नाउँमा पन्यो, र एघार प्रेरितहरूसँग तिनको गणना भयो।

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 John 5:9-15

9यदि हामी मानिसको गवाही ग्रहण गर्छौं भने परमेश्वरको गवाही झन् उच्च छ। किनिक यही नै परमेश्वरको गवाही हो, जुन गवाही उहाँले आफ्ना पुत्रको विषयमा दिनुभएको छ। 10जसले परमेश्वरका पुत्रमा विश्वास गर्छ, त्यसको हृदयम□यस कुरक्को गवाही हुन्छ। परमञ्चवरम□विश्वास नगर्नेलाउहाँलाई झूट□तुल्याएको हुन्छ। किनिक परमञ्चवरलाआफ्न□पुत्रको विषयम□दिनुभएको गवाहीम□त्यसलाविश्वास गराको हुँदैन। 11गवाहीचाहिँ यही हो, कि परमेश्वरले हामीलाई अनन्त जीवन दिनुभयो, र यो जीवन उहाँका पुत्रमा छ। 12जससँग पुत्र हुनुहुन्छ, त्यससँग जीवन छ, जससँग परमेश्वरका पुत्र हुनुहुन्न, त्यससँग जीवन हुँदैन।

अन्तिम सन्देश

13ितमीहरूले अनन्त जीवन पाएका छौ भन्ने कुरा जान भन्ने हेतुले परमेश्वरका पुत्रको नाउँमा विश्वास गर्ने तिमीहरूलाई यो पत्र लेख्द्राष्ट्र। 14परमेश्वरमा हाम्रो पूर्ण भरोसा छ कि उहाँको इच्छाबमोजिम जे मागे तापनि उहाँले हाम्रो कुरा सुन्नुहुन्छ। 15हामीले प्रार्थनामा जेसुकै मागे तापनि परमेश्वरले सुन्नुहुन्छ भनी हामी जान्दछौं भने, यो पनि जाद्धछौं कि उहाँलाई हामीले जे माोक□छौं त्यो हामीलाई प्राप्त भएको छ।

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL John 17:11b-19

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.
- G Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

HOLY GOSPEL John 17:11b-19

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11 "म फेरि संसाद्रम □रहँदिनँ, तर यिनीहरू त संसाद्रम □रहन्छन्। मचिहँ तपाईं कहँ □आइरहेछु। पिवत्र पित □ तपाईं ले मलाई दिनुभएको तपाईं को नाउँ म □ तिनीहरू लाई सुरक्षित राखनुहोस्, र हामी जस्त □ तिनीहरू पिन एक होऊन्। 12 जबसम्म म तिनीहरू सँग थिएँ, तपाईं ले मलाई दिनुभएको तपाईं को नाउँ म □ तिनीहरू लाई सुरक्षित राखें। तिनीहरू को रक्ष □ गरें। अनि तिनीहरू मध्ये विनाद्राको छोराबाहरू अरू कोही नष्ट भएन, किनिक धर्मशास्त्र पूर □ हुन आवश्यक थियो। 13 "तर अब म तपाईं कहँ □ आइरहेछु। संसाद म □ हुँ द □ यी कुर □ म बोल्दछु, कि तिनीहरू म □ मरे आनन्द पूर □ होस्। 14 मार्च तिनीहरू लाई तपाईं को वचन दिएँ, तर संसाद लाज तिनीहरू लाई घृण □ ग न्यों, किनिक तिनीहरू संसाद क □ हो इनन्, जसरी म संसाद को हो इनँ। 15 तपाईं ले तिनीहरू लाई संसाद बाद लाज सुहोस् भनी म प्रार्धन □ गरिनीहरू लाई सुरु वाद सुरक्षित राखिदिनुहोस्। 16 तिनीहरू संसाद क □ हो इनन्, जस्तो म पिन संसाद को हो इनँ। 17 तिनीहरू लाई संसाद म □ पठाए को छु। 19 तिनीहरू का छी। 18 जसरी तपाईं ले मलाई संसाद म □ पठा छन्। मार्च पिन तिनीहरू लाई संसाद म □ पठाए को छु। 19 तिनीहरू का छी। 18 जसरी तपाई ले मलाई संसाद म □ पठा छन्। सत्य ताम □ पिन तिनीहरू हो संसाद म □ पठाए को छु। 19 तिनीहरू का छी। 18 जसरी तपाई ले मलाई संसाद म □ पठा छन्। सत्य ताम □ पवित्र हो उन्।

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछ -एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि । अनि उहाँको एकले पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशु खीष्टमाथि । उहाँ पवित्र-आत्माका शक्तिले देहधारी हनभयो। कन्ये मरियमदेखि जन्मनभयो। पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा द:ख भोग्नभयो। ऋसमा टाँगिनभयो। मारिन्भयो अनि गाडिन्भयो । आत्मालोकमा उत्रन्भयो । तेस्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट बिउँतन्भयो। स्वर्गमा चढिजान्भयो। सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्न भएको छ । जहाँदेखि उहाँ जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई आउनहनेछ । म विश्वास गर्दछ -पवित्र आत्मामाथि, पवित्र विश्व एक्लेसियामाथि. पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि, पाप मोचनमाथि, शरीरको पनरूत्थानमाथि र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि आमिन ।

(Please Be Seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB

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I am Jesus' little lamb. Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

SONG OF THE DAY: LIVING HOPE Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us, How high the mountain I could not climb, In desperation I turned to heaven, And spoke Your name into the night, Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness, Tore through the shadows of my soul, The work is finished the end is written, Jesus Christ my living hope,

Who could imagine so great a mercy,
What heart could fathom such boundless grace,
The God of ages stepped down from glory,
To wear my sin and bear my shame,
The cross has spoken I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own,
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever,
Jesus Christ my living hope,

CHORUS: Hallelujah praise the One who set me free,

Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me,

You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name,

Jesus Christ my living hope, REPEAT

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe, Out of the silence the Roaring Lion, Declared the grave has no claim on me, REPEAT

Jesus Yours is the victory,

CHORUS 2X

ENDING: Jesus Christ my living hope,

Oh God You are my living hope.

SERMON

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Please see the News & Notes for a listing of those we are praying for by name)

- In Your great mercy, O Lord, deliver us from doubt and fear that we may know with courage the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen and be made bold to confess this truth before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Deliver us from war and violence, and bless us with good and honest leaders who will hear the voice of Your Word and act on our behalf that we may live holy, upright, and godly lives in this place. Bless those who protect us here and throughout the world especially those in our armed forces including Alex, James, Daniel, Brian, Thomas, Tristan & Jamie. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- In the midst of temptation, make us strong, and in the midst of trials help us endure with patience and conviction the days of trouble. Bless especially those who suffer illness or infirmity, grief, or pain, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God, we lift up all mothers to You. Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges of this blessed calling with courage. Give them the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith in Christ and service to their neighbor. Encourage mothers when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed. Bless them with Your peace and love, now and forever. May our mothers and grandmothers feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day. Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

(Special Petitions)

- P All these things and whatever else You know that we need we pray You to grant us for the sake of and in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Please place offerings in the wooden box located in the church narthex/lobby. Giving is also available online at ascensionstl.com. Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity!

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

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+ SACRAMENT +

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

- 1. Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them
- 2. Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament
- 3. Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **We lift them to the Lord.**
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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 ⅓ 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 LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३) हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बस्रुहुन्छ, तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्। तपाईंको राज्य आओस्, तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्। हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्। हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्, जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं। हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्, तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्। किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्। आमिन्।

PAX DOMINI John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen

AGNUS DEI: LAMB OF GOD Maichel

Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world.
Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
You Take away the sin of the world.
And have mercy on us. Have mercy on us,
And grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.
Have Mercy on us, O Lamb of God.
Grant us your peace we pray.

(Please Be Seated)

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

RED LETTERS Crowder

This song references the words of Jesus that are printed in red in many Bibles

There I was on death row Guilty in the first degree Son of God hanging on a hill Hell was my destiny

The crowd was shouting crucify Could've come from these lips of mine The dirty shame was killing me It would take a miracle to wash me clean CHORUS 1: Then (When) I read the red letters
And the ground began to shake
The prison walls started falling
And I became a free man that day

Felt like lightning hit my veins
My dead heart began to beat
Breath of God filled my lungs
And the Holy Ghost awakened me
Yeah the Holy Ghost awakened me (CHORUS 1)

BRIDGE: For God so loved the whole wide world

Sent His only Son to die for me

Arms spread wide for the whole wide world His arms spread wide where mine should be

Jesus changed my destiny

CHORUS 2: Thank You God for red letters

And the ground began to shake The grace of God started falling And I became a free man that day The prison walls started falling And I am a free man today

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YOU ARE GOD ALONE Foote

You are not a god created by human hands. You are not a god dependent on any mortal man. You are not a god in need of anything we can give. By Your plan, that's just the way it is.

You are God alone — from before time began You were on Your throne; You are God alone. And right now, in the good times and bad, You are on Your throne. You are God alone. You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are. You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.

You're the only God whose power none can contend. You're the only God whose name and praise will never end. You're the only God who's worthy of ev'rything we can give. You are God —that's just the way it is.

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(Please Stand)

DISMISSAL

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 in peace.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS Psalm 103:1

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.

C Amen

CLOSING SONG: YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH Maher

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.

CHORUS: So remember Your people, remember Your children,

remember Your promise O God.

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,

Your grace is enough for me.

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. CHORUS

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me. CHORUS

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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