

† RESURRECTION CONNECTION †

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 2021

Easter has its after-effects, Jesus' warm act of love on the cross gets warmer still with His resurrection. Christ's resurrection creates life where there was none, but also a family in Christ, a loving family. Over the next few weeks we will continue to remember and celebrate Christ's resurrection and the way He keeps us connected in His love for us and for each other. Any family of faithful will encounter challenges to their way of life and faith and John's family of believers was no exception. While the surrounding society posed potent questions and challenges, infiltrating the church, John reconnects them in the fellowship that is only possible with God the Father through His Son, Jesus. This is our connection too, a resurrection connection, of love.

AS WE GATHER

Though Easter is a season and not merely a Sunday, it can be hard to sustain the enthusiasm when attendance drops on "low Sunday." That said, the source of our joy is not in the size of the crowd but the greatness of the gift that Christ has given us. We have the forgiveness of sins, and where there is forgiveness for our sins, there is also life and salvation. We are held captive to fear, to the guilt of our sin, and to the power of death until Christ enters our locked rooms, shows Himself to us, and we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, rejoice in our Lord and God.

WELCOME!

+ WE GATHER TO WORSHIP +

↑ OPENING SONG

This Is Amazing Grace

- 1 Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
- 2 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus This is amazing grace,
This is unfailing love,
That You would take my place,
That You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life

That I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

3 Who brings our chaos back into order,
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

4 Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus

Bridge Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy, worthy, worthy!

Chorus

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ANNOUNCING GOD'S PRESENCE

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

OPENING PRAISE

1 Peter 2:2–3

PSALM 105:1–5, 8

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C ¹Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

²Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

P ³Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

C ⁴Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

P ⁵Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

⁸He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,

↑ SONG OF PRAISE

Great Are You Lord

Verse 1 You give life. You are love.
You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.
And great are You, Lord.

Chorus It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise,
We pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs,
So we pour out our praise to You only.

Verse 1

Chorus

Chorus

Bridge And all the earth will shout Your praise.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing.
Great are You Lord!

Bridge

Bridge

Chorus

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD +

↓ NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 JOHN 1:1—2:2

If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ.

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL READING

JOHN 20:19–31

Blessed are those who have not heard and yet believe.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

↓ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



KIDS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR SEATS

We believe children are the church and that God's Word can and should be spoken in a way that they understand. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these' (Matthew 19:14).

↓ SONG OF THE DAY

Living Hope

Verse 1 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.

Verse 2 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.

Chorus

Verse 3 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.

Verse 3

Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Chorus

Chorus

Jesus Christ my living hope.
Oh God, You are my living hope.

SERMON JOY IN SAYING SORRY

1 John 1:1-2:2

+ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD +

↑ CONFESSING OUR 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.**

↓ OFFERING

The giving of gifts in worship is a long-standing practice of God's people to give thanks to God for His many and daily blessings and to provide for the expansion of His mission on earth.

- *In the sanctuary, plates have been placed at the entrance and exit to gather our offering without contact.*
- *Children's offering can be placed in the baskets on the lower stand.*
- *Send a text to 651-401-7200 by simply typing "give" followed by a dollar amount. eg: "give \$50"*
- *hopeofhastings.com/donate*
- *Mail a check to the church.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

↑ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers the pastor will say, "Lord, in your mercy," and the people will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints... (Ephesians 6:17-18)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

☐ 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.

+ WE ARE SENT TO SERVE +

BLESSING

↑ CLOSING SONG

Your Grace Is Enough

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

Pre-chorus So remember your people,
Remember your children,
Remember your promise,
Oh God.

Chorus 1 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.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 1
Chorus 1

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↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS & BIRTHDAYS

VERSE OF THE DAY

1 JOHN 1:9

⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SENDING

LIVING IT OUT

In God's love story of Christ's cross, we have confidence to confess our sins because of God's promise to forgive. We can say "I'm sorry" to people we have hurt, and be reconciled in relationships we have harmed. Go today to a person you have sinned against and find a way to say, "I'm sorry." God's grace is more than enough for you both.

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