

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE: *Friend of God*

Verse

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing
(It's amazing it's amazing)

Chorus

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls (You call) me friend
(REPEAT)

Bridge

God Almighty Lord of Glory
You have called me friend

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

LESSON: 1 Peter 2 (NCV)

Come to the Lord Jesus, the "stone" that lives. The people of the world did not want this stone, but he was the stone God chose, and he was precious. You also are like living stones, you have received God's mercy. You were chosen to tell about the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his

wonderful light. Live as people, free from darkness, who serve God. Show respect for all people: Love one another. Respect and honor God.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LESSON: Based on Matthew 27 and Mark 16

(J.B. Phillips New Testament (PHILLIPS))

The body of Jesus was put into a new tomb and a large stone was rolled across the entrance...Then they secured the tomb, sealing the stone and posting guards.

On the first day of the week, just as the sun was rising, a few women came to the tomb. They asked each other, "Who is going to roll the stone back from the entrance of the tomb?"

Then, when they looked closer, they saw that the stone, which was a very large one, had been rolled back! They went into the tomb and there they saw a young man in a white robe. They were simply ASTONISHED.

The man in white said, "There is no need to be astonished. Jesus has risen; he is not here. Now go! Tell his disciples..."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:24-29 (CEB)

That night, Thomas, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands; unless I put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and unless I put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

Eight days passed and they were again in a house. This time Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them.

Jesus said, "Peace be with you." Then Jesus spoke directly to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

SONG OF THE DAY: *This is Amazing Grace*

Verse 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

Verse 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

(Yeah) (Oh) 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
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3

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

Verse 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

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

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God" please respond, "Your mercy is great."

When the prayers conclude, Please respond, "Amen."

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION

As you see the pastors, worship team, and in person worshipers commune, please join them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:

“The body of Christ for you” and “The blood of Christ for you.”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

P May God the Father grant you grace to Easter love and serve your neighbor in all that you do.

C Amen

P May God the Son, whose dying and rising destroys death forever, give you everlasting life.

C Amen

P May God the Spirit, who empowers the Church for mission and gives it power to proclaim the Easter Gospel, fill you with faith, hope, and love.

C Amen.

P And may the blessing of God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: Go

Chorus 1

We're giving it all away away
We're giving it all to go Your way
(REPEAT)

Verse 1

In the Father there is freedom
There is hope in the Name that is Jesus
Lay your life down give it all now
We are found in the love of the Savior

Pre-Chorus

We've come alive in You
Set free to show the truth
Our lives will never be the same

Verse 2

We are sold out to Your calling
Everything that we are for Your glory
Take our hearts now have it all now
Let our lives shine Your light like the morning

Chorus 2

We're giving it all away away
We're giving it all to go Your way
(REPEAT)
Away we're singing

Bridge

You rolled back the curtains from our eyes
And now we can see You
You've shown us Your way Your truth and life
We offer our lives to bring You fame
We're caught in Your freedom
We're caught in Your freedom

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DISMISSAL

L Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

