

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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James McDaniel, drums

P= Pastor **G** = All **L** = Leader

Bridge (Sing four times.)

There is true joy in His freedom

So open your heart and receive it.

There is a hope to believe in:

Jesus, Jesus.

Chorus

**Listen for the free man singing,
He's delivered me.**

**Look out for the woman shouting,
His garment made me clean.**

**Listen up for the season's changing,
He's rebuilding everything.**

Listen for the people shouting.

This is jubilee.

Vamp

This is the sound, This is the sound,

This is the sound of jubilee.

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: HOLY WATER

Verse 1

God, I'm on my knees again.

God, I'm begging, please again.

I need You, Oh, I need You.

Walking down these desert roads,

Water for my thirsty soul,

I need You, Oh, I need You.

Chorus

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,

Like the sound of a symphony to my ears,

Like holy water on my skin.

Verse 2

Dead man walking, slave to sin,

I wanna know about being born again.

I need You, Oh God, I need You.

So take me to the riverside, Take me under, baptize.

I need You, Oh God, I need You. ►

PRELUDE: JUBILEE

Verse 1

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

I'm anointed to bring hope,

The promise fulfilled in a moment.

We're still watching it unfold.

There's good news for the captive,

A proclamation for every soul:

This liberty is for the broken,

An invitation to be made whole.

Chorus

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Chorus

**Your forgiveness Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears,
Like holy water on my skin.**

Bridge [Sing 4x]

**I don't wanna abuse Your grace.
God, I need it ev'ry day.
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change.**

Chorus [Sing twice.]

**Your forgiveness Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears,
Like holy water on my skin.**

**Ending: Yeah, it's like holy water on my skin.
Oh, it's like holy water.**

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **G Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:20-23

L This morning's Old Testament lesson is from Ecclesiastes, the first and second chapters.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity . . .

²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L Word of God, word of life.

G Thanks be to God.

LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4, 8-11

--The Message

L This morning's New Testament lesson is from Paul's letter to the Christians at Colossae, the third chapter.

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

³⁻⁴Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

... You know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

⁹⁻¹¹Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

L Word of God, word of life.

G Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P Listen for the Word of God from the Gospel of Luke, the twelfth chapter. **G Glory to you, O God.**

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me."

¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain' ►

and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

SONG OF THE DAY: GRAVES INTO GARDENS

Verse 1

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough.
Then You came along and put me back together,
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

Chorus

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness,
My failures and flaws.
Lord, You've seen them all,
And You still call me friend,
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley, And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again.

Chorus (Sing twice.)

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing.
You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory.
You're the only one who can.

Bridge

You turn graves into gardens.
You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways.
You're the only one who can.

Chorus (Sing twice.)

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
There's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

Bridge

You turn graves into gardens.
You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways.
You're the only one who can.
You're the only one who can.

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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 "Merciful God,"
please respond, "receive our prayer."

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

OFFERING

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OFFERING SONG: JESUS, WE LOVE YOU*Verse 1*

**Old things have passed away.
Your love has stayed the same.
Your constant grace remains the cornerstone.
Things that we thought were dead
Are breathing in life again.
You cause your Son to shine on darkest nights.**

Pre-Chorus

**For all that You've done we will pour out our love.
This will be our anthem song.**

Chorus

**(Jesus,) we love You. Oh, how we love You.
You are the one our hearts adore.**

Verse 2

**The hopeless have found their hope.
The orphans now have a home.
All that was lost has found its place in You.
You lift our weary head.
You make us strong instead.
You took these rags and made us beautiful.**

Pre-Chorus

**For all that You've done we will pour out our love.
This will be our anthem song.**

Chorus (Sing twice.)

**(Jesus,) we love You. Oh, how we love You.
You are the one our hearts adore.**

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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.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Please approach the altar, coming down the center aisle. You will be offered a wafer, and you may dip it into the chalice containing wine or white grape juice. Or, you may choose a prepackaged kit. At home, serve yourself, saying to each other/yourself these ancient words of promise: "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."

COMMUNION SONG: HEAVEN HELP ME*Verse 1*

**When I can't find the words
And I can barely breathe, I'm falling on my knees.
Heaven help me. Heaven help me.
When I can't feel You near
And I can't hear You speak,
I'm falling on my knees.
Heaven help me, Heaven help me.**

Chorus

**Help me, help me,
'Cause I can't walk this road alone,
And I can't do this on my own.
Tell me, tell me, I just need to hear You say
That everything will be okay.**

Verse 2

**When I don't understand,
When I don't I think I can, I know You have a plan.
So Heaven help me. Heaven help me.**

Chorus

**Help me, help me,
'Cause I can't walk this road alone,
And I can't do this on my own. ►**

**Tell me, tell me, I just need to hear You say
That everything will be okay.**

Bridge

**Help me believe it When I can't see it.
Help me to know it When I can't hold it.**

(Repeat)

Chorus

**Help me, help me,
'Cause I can't walk this road alone,
And I can't do this on my own.
Tell me, tell me, I just need to hear You say
That everything will be okay.**

Tag

**I just need to hear You say
That everything will be okay.**

Ending

**When I can't find the words
When I can barely breathe, I'm falling on my knees.
Heaven help me. Heaven help me.**

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞ Life-giving God,
☞ through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- ☞ May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith.
May we be rooted and grounded in Christ's love!
May we be ever-strengthened in the breadth,
length, height, and depth of God's love in Christ
Jesus!
Now, may the peace of God in Christ Jesus, which
surpasses all knowledge and understanding, ☩ fill
you with all the fullness of God. —based Ephesians 3:17-19
☞ Amen.**

SENDING SONG: 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

**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

**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 [Repeat]

**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.**

Chorus

**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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- ☞ Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!
☞ Thanks be to God.**