

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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Layla Mason, Lead Guitar and Vocals

Dan Niwa, Acoustic Guitar

James Callison, Rhythm Guitar

Dana Bogdanski, Bass Scott Carpenter, Drums

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

## Chorus 2

**So let it be today We shout the hymn of Heaven.  
With angels and the Saints We raise a mighty roar,  
Glory to our God, Who gave us life beyond the grave.  
Holy, holy is the Lord. Holy, holy is the Lord.**

*[Repeat]*

**Holy, holy is the Lord.**

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## PRELUDE: THE FATHER'S HOUSE

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING SONG: HYMN OF HEAVEN

*Verse 1*

**How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;  
To look upon the one who bled to save me,  
And walk with Him for all eternity.**

*Chorus 1*

**There will be a day When all will bow before Him.  
There will be a day When death will be no more,  
Standing face to face  
With He who died and rose again  
Holy, holy is the Lord.**

*Verse 2*

**And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation,  
The songs of faith We sang through doubt and fear,  
In the end we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears.**

*Chorus 1*

**There will be a day When all will bow before Him.  
There will be a day When death will be no more,  
Standing face to face  
With He who died and rose again  
Holy, holy is the Lord.**

*Verse 3*

**And on that day we join the resurrection,  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.  
With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain.**

*[Repeat this verse.]*

**Forever He shall reign.**



## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**G** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 32:22-31

**L** Our First Lesson is from Genesis, the thirty-second chapter.

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup>Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

<sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 121**

Please join me in reading Psalm 121 responsively.

- L** <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- C** <sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**
- L** <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- C** <sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**
- L** <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- C** <sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
- L** <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
- C** <sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

**↑ GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8**

- P** The Gospel according to Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?

<sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Pasch

**SONG OF THE DAY: FREEDOM REIGNS***Verse 1*

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.  
Lift your eyes to heaven. There is freedom.  
Lift your eyes to heaven. There is freedom.**

*Chorus*

**Freedom reigns in this place,  
Showers of mercy and grace falling on ev'ry face.  
There is freedom.**

*Verse 2*

**If you're tired and thirsty, there is freedom.  
If you're tired and thirsty, there is freedom.  
Give your all to Jesus. There is freedom.  
Give your all to Jesus. There is freedom.**

*Chorus [Repeat with singers]*

**Freedom reigns in this place,  
Showers of mercy and grace falling on ev'ry face.  
There is freedom.  
Jesus reigns in this place,  
Showers of mercy and grace falling on ev'ry face.  
There is freedom.**

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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 “God of grace,”  
please respond, “**hear our prayer.**”

When the prayers conclude, please respond, “**Amen.**”

**OFFERING**

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**OFFERING SONG: LORD, I NEED YOU****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 as directed by an usher.  
 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.*

**COMMUNION SONG: PRAISE TO THE LORD,  
THE ALMIGHTY****POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and  
BENEDICTION**

- P** May the God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.
- C** **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: IN THE RIVER***Verse 1*

**There is a river Where goodness flows.  
 There is a fountain That drowns sorrow.  
 There is an ocean Deeper than fear.  
 The tide is rising, rising.**

*Verse 2*

**There is a current Stirring deep inside.  
 It's overflowing From the heart of God,  
 The flood of heaven Crashing over us.  
 The tide is rising, rising.**

*Pre-Chorus*

**Bursting, bursting  
 Up from the ground, we feel it now.  
 Bursting, bursting  
 Up from the ground, we feel it now.**

*Chorus*

**We come alive in the river.  
 We come alive in the river.  
 We come alive in the river.  
 We come alive in the river.**

*Verse 2*

**There is a current Stirring deep inside.  
 It's overflowing From the heart of God,  
 The flood of heaven Crashing over us.  
 The tide is rising, rising.**

*Pre-Chorus*

**Bursting, bursting  
 Up from the ground, we feel it now.  
 Bursting, bursting  
 Up from the ground, we feel it now.**

*Chorus*

**We come alive in the river.  
 We come alive in the river.  
 We come alive in the river.  
 We come alive in the river. ►**

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*Bridge*

**Break open prison doors.  
Set all the captives free.  
Spring up a well, spring up a well,  
Spring up a well in me.  
Nothing can stop this joy.  
We're dancing in the streets.  
Spring up a well, spring up a well,  
Spring up a well in me.**

*Chorus*

**We come alive in the river.  
We come alive in the river.  
We come alive in the river.  
We come alive in the river.**

*Bridge*

**Spring up a well, Spring up a well,  
Spring up a well, Spring up the well,  
Spring up the well in me.**

*Chorus*

**We come alive in the river.  
We come alive in the river.  
We come alive in the river.  
We come alive in the river.**

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## **DISMISSAL**

**📖** Go in peace, with God beside you.

Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!

**🙏** Thanks be to God.