

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Vocals & Keyboard

P= Pastor **A** = All **L** = Leader

PRELUDE: HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: THE FATHER'S HOUSE

Verse 1

Sometimes on this journey

I get lost in my mistakes

What looks to me like weakness

Is a canvas for Your strength

My story isn't over

My story's just begun

Failure won't define me

'Cause that's what my Father does

Failure won't define me

'Cause that's what my Father does

Chorus

Oo lay your burdens down

Oo here in the Father's house

Check your shame at the door

'Cause it ain't welcome anymore

Oo you're in the Father's house

Verse 2

Arrival's not the endgame

The journey's where You are

You never wanted perfect

You just wanted my heart

And the story isn't over

If the story isn't good

Failure's never final

When the Father's in the room

Failure's never final

When the Father's in the room

Chorus

Oo lay your burdens down

Oo here in the Father's house

Check your shame at the door

'Cause it ain't welcome anymore

Oo you're in the Father's house

Bridge

Prodigals come home the helpless find hope

Love is on the move

When the Father's in the room

Prison doors fling wide the dead come to life

Love is on the move

When the Father's in the room

Miracles take place the cynical find faith

Love is breaking through

When the Father's in the room

Jericho walls are quaking

Strongholds now are shaking

Love is breaking through

When the Father's in the room

Love is breaking through

When the Father's in the room

Chorus (2x)

Oo lay your burdens down

Oo here in the Father's house

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 40:1-3

📖 Our lesson today is from the 40th Psalm.

He waited patiently for the Lord. He turned to me and heard my cry. ²He lifted me out of the pit of destruction, out of the sticky mud. He stood me on a rock. He made my feet steady.

³He put a new song in my mouth. It was a song of praise to our God. Many people will see this and worship him. Then they will trust the Lord.

📖 Word of God, Word of Life.

👏 Thanks be to God.

⬆️ **GOSPEL: John 1:29-42**

📖 The Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

👏 Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’

³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).



⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👏 Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

SONG OF THE DAY: I WILL EXALT

Verse (2x)

Your Presence is all I need

It's all I want it's all I seek

Without it without it there's no meaning

Your Presence is the air I breathe

The song I sing and the love I need

And without it without it I'm not living

Chorus

I will exalt You Lord

I will exalt You Lord

There is no one like You God

I will exalt You Lord

I will exalt You Lord

No other name be lifted high

Verse

Your Presence is all I need

It's all I want it's all I seek

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Chorus

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I will exalt You Lord

I will exalt You Lord

No other name be lifted high

Bridge (5x)

There will be no one like You

And no one beside You

You alone are worthy of all praise

Chorus

I will exalt You Lord

I will exalt You Lord

There is no one like You God

I will exalt You Lord

I will exalt You Lord

No other name be lifted high



Ending

Your Presence is all I need

It's all I want all I seek

Without it without it there's no meaning

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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: HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

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 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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 AT CHURCH or at home with your household

*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: THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Verse 1

**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**

Pre-Chorus

**(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O 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 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**



Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1 (2x)

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus'
pathway of joy and life.

C **Thanks be to God.**