

# **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 27, 2025**

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE  
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission  
(Go, Make Disciples...)**

## **+ + + RECONNECTING WITH GOD + + +**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC      "God So Loved"**

**Oo, Oo, Oo, Oo.  
Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty.  
Come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more.**

**Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy.  
Come to the table; He will satisfy.  
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.**

**For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him Will live forever.**

**Oo, Oo, Oo, Oo.**

**Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down At the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.**

**(Chorus)  
For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him Will live forever.  
The pow'r of hell forever defeated.  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

**Praise God, praise God From whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love. (Repeat)**

**For God so loved The world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save.**

**Chorus**

**Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions,  
Come lay them down At the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.**

God So Loved Words and music by Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash and Andrew Bergthold  
©2019 CCLI Song #7138599 THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you  
C: And also with you.**

**OPENING "This Is Our God"**

**Remember those walls that we called sin and shame?  
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape.  
But He came and He died and He rose;  
Those walls are rubble now.**

**Remember those giants we called death and grave?  
They were like mountains that stood in our way.  
But He came and He died and He rose;  
Those giants are dead now.**

**(Chorus)**

**This is our God, this is who He is: He loves us.  
This is our God, this is what He does: He saves us.  
He bore the cross, beat the grave.  
Let heaven and earth proclaim This is our God, King Jesus.**

**Remember that fear that took our breath away?  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray?  
But He heard ev'ry word, ev'ry whisper.  
Now those altars in the wilderness  
Tell the story of His faithfulness.  
Never once did He fail, And He never will.**

## **Chorus**

**Who pulled me out of that pit? He did, He did.  
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus. (Repeat)**

**Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh, Yahweh.  
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Jesus [Him]. (Repeat)**

## **Chorus**

**He bore the cross, beat the grave.  
Let heaven and earth proclaim This is our God, King Jesus.**

This Is Our God Words and music by Phil Wickham, Steven Furtick, Brandon Lake and Pat Barrett CCLI Song #7211413

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you and rightly honor your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

**C: Gracious God, have mercy on me. In your compassion forgive my sins,  
Known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold me by your  
Holy Spirit so that I may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor  
and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: In Jesus our gracious God has had mercy on you and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

## **READING FROM THE PSALMS    Psalm 33:20-22**

P: We wait in hope for the LORD;

**C: He is our help and our shield.**

P: In him our hearts rejoice,

**C: For we trust in his holy name.**

P: May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,

**C: Even as we put our hope in you.**

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen**

**WE SING: "Hear Our Praises"**

**May our homes be filled with dancing,**

**May our streets be filled with joy;**

**May injustice bow to Jesus,**

**As the people turn and pray.**

**(Chorus)**

**From the mountain to the valley,**

**Hear our praises rise to You;**

**From the heavens to the nations,**

**Hear our singing fill the air.**

**May our light shine in the darkness,**

**As we walk before the cross;**

**May Your glory fill the whole earth,**

**As the water over the seas.**

**Chorus (Repeat)**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (Repeat)**

**Chorus**

**From the mountain to the valley,**

**Hear our praises rise to You.**

Hear Our Praises Words and music by Reuben Morgan ©1998 CCLI Song #2543402

## **FIRST LESSON      Acts 5:27-32**

Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make

us guilty of this man's blood." 29Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men! 30The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. 32We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND LESSON    Revelation 1:4 -18**

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, 5and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. 7Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. 8"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." 9I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, 11which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea," 12I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. 17When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL    John 20:19-31**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." 24Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." 26A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31But these are written 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**

**WE SING:        "I Believe"**

**I believe there is one salvation, One doorway that leads to life.  
One redemption, one confession, I believe in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**I believe in the crucifixion. By His blood, I have been set free.  
I believe in the resurrection. Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat.**

**(Chorus)**

**All praise to God, the (our) Father, All praise to Christ, the Son.  
All praise to the Holy Spirit, Our God has overcome.**

**The King who was and is and evermore will be.  
In Jesus' mighty name, I believe.**

**I believe in the hope of heaven, He's preparing a place for me.  
Far beyond what hearts imagine, Ears have heard or eyes have seen.**

**I believe that day is coming, He's returning to claim His bride.  
Light the altar, keep it burning, See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion.**

**Chorus**

**No, I'll never be ashamed Of the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
How could I ever walk away From the One who saved my life? (Repeat 2x)**

**Chorus x2  
In Jesus' mighty name, I believe.**

I Believe Words and music by Chris Davenport, Jonathan Smith and Phil Wickham CCLI Song #7218424

**SERMON**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH      The 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**

**+ + + WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND PRAYER + + +**

**PRAYERS**    concluding with

**P:** Lord in your mercy...

**C:** Hear our prayer.

**OFFERING**    (Please place your offering in offering plates located on pedestals at the back of the church.)

## **OFFERING SONG "Loved By You"**

Sometimes I feel Like I'm alone  
A bit too broken, Unseen, unknown.  
Sometimes the doubt Starts creeping in,  
So come remind me Once again.

**(Chorus)**

I am believed in, I am held on to.  
Don't have to wonder Who I belong to.  
I'm always wanted, always known and always treasured; it's true.  
I am loved by You.

It's in Your blood, It's in Your scars  
How far You'd go To reach my heart.  
You call me chosen, You call me Yours.  
That's all that matters Forevermore.

**Chorus**

Loved by You.

I don't deserve it; I never could.  
But You're just that faithful, You're just that good.  
How lovely it is To be loved by You. (Repeat)

**Yeah!**

**Chorus**

I am loved by You. Loved by You. I am loved  
By You.

Loved By You Words and music by Riley Clemmons, Paul Duncan and Jeff Pardo CCLI Song #7216983

**+ + + COMMUNING WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER + + +**

**PREFACE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift your hearts and hands in praise

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### **COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: It is truly good, right and beneficial ... evermore praising you and singing:

**C:\* *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth, adored: Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord!***

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **DISTRIBUTION SONG      "God Really Loves Us"**

**I've got a friend, Closer than a brother.  
There is no judgment, oh how He loves me.  
I've got a friend. And He is my strength,  
He is my portion.  
With me in the valley, with me in the fire, with me in the storm.**

**Let all my life Testify.**

**(Chorus)**

**Hallelujah, We are not alone.  
God really loves us, God really loves us.  
Hallelujah, Oh praise, my soul.  
God really loves us, God really loves us.**

**His mercy's enough, His grace is sufficient.  
So come if you're needing forgiveness and healing.  
His mercy's enough.  
Oh, and this is our hope; The cross, it has spoken.  
Death is no more, Christ is the Lord.  
Oh, this is our hope.**

**Chorus**

**And oh, oh.  
Sing oh, oh.**

**(Bridge)**

**What a Father, What a Friend. What a Savior He is. (Repeat)**

**Chorus**

**Bridge x 2**

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**"Promise Keeper"**

**Your vow's a covenant unbroken. You've made it known through history.  
Your love will never be unfaithful;  
Never walk out on me, Never walk out on me.**

**I have no reason to doubt You. Who You have been, You'll always be.  
And though the future's still unfolding,  
With ev'rything I've seen, How could I not believe?**

**(Chorus)**

**You are a promise keeper. Your word will never fail.  
My heart can trust You, Jesus. I won't be overwhelmed.  
My eyes are gonna see Miracles and victories.  
You are a promise keeper, And Your word will never fail.**

**You will return all that's been stolen. There's nothing that You can't redeem.  
And though the story's still unfolding,  
With ev'rything I've seen, How could I not believe?**

## **Chorus**

### **(Bridge)**

**I'll see Your goodness In the land of the living.  
I'll see Your goodness Right here, right now.  
You know the ending Before the beginning.  
I know that You have worked all things out. (Repeat)**

## **Chorus**

### **Bridge x2**

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## **POST-DISTRIBUTION PRAYER**

**+ + + WE GO WITH GOD'S BLESSING + + +**

### **BLESSING**

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

***C: Amen***

## **CLOSING SONG "A Thousand Hallelujahs"**

**Who else would rocks cry out to worship?  
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?  
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing,  
But this joy is mine.**

### **(Chorus)**

**With a thousand "hallelujahs," We magnify Your name.  
You alone deserve the glory, The honor and the praise.  
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours,  
A thousand "hallelujahs" And a thousand more.**

**Who else would die for our redemption?  
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?  
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done,  
But I have eternity to try.**

## **Chorus**

### **(Bridge)**

**Praise To the Lord, To the Lamb,  
To the King of heaven.  
Praise For He rose; Now He reigns.  
We will sing forever. (Repeat)**

## **Chorus**

### **Bridge**

## **Chorus**

**A thousand "hallelujahs" And a thousand more.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**