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all cell phones are silenced.***

Thank You.

A white dove is shown in flight, positioned at the top of a large, faint circular frame that resembles a globe. A cross is visible in the center of the globe. The background is a soft-focus image of green grass.

**Our mission is to share
the Good News
of grace and love with all
through worship, service,
and fellowship.**



Our Vision:
Joy is a spiritual community
sharing the love of Christ in a
challenging world.



April 27, 2025
Family Service
Second Sunday of Easter

The background of the image is a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with vibrant orange, yellow, and purple clouds. In the foreground, a dark, silhouetted hill rises, featuring three wooden crosses of varying heights. The sun is positioned behind the hill, creating a bright glow and lens flare effect.

Prelude

O Praise The Name
(Anástasis)

Hillsong

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ✝ the One who was,
who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.



P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own,



P: that restore to wholeness, and
empower us to be witnesses in your
name.

Baptized into you, O Living One.

C: Make us one as you are one.



P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church;



P: Waters that extend your boundless
love and cross of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: Make us one as you are one.



P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;



P: Waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One

C: Make us one as you are one.



P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song

**Christ Is Risen,
He Is Risen Indeed**

CCLI #6399205

**1. How can it be?
the One who died
Has borne our sin
through sacrifice**



**To conquer
every sting of death
Sing, sing, hallelujah**



**2. For joy awakes
as dawning light**

**When Christ's disciples
lift their eyes**



**Alive He stands,
their Friend and King
Christ, Christ, He is risen**



(CHORUS)

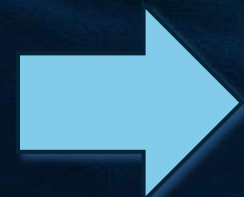
**Christ is risen,
He is risen indeed!**

Oh, sing hallelujah



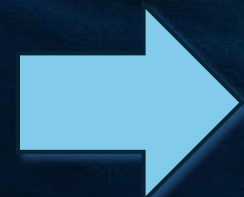
**Join the chorus,
sing with the redeemed**

**Christ is risen,
He is risen indeed!**



**3. Where doubt and darkness
once had been**

**They saw Him
and their hearts believed**



**But blessed are those
who have not seen
Yet sing hallelujah**



**4. Once bound by fear
now bold in faith**

**They preached the truth
and power of grace**



**And pouring out their
lives they gained
Life, life everlasting**



(CHORUS)

**Christ is risen,
He is risen indeed!**

Oh, sing hallelujah



**Join the chorus,
sing with the redeemed**

**Christ is risen,
He is risen indeed!**



**5. The power that raised Him
from the grave**

**Now works in us
to pow'rf'ly save**



**He frees our hearts
to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness**



(CHORUS)

**Christ is risen,
He is risen indeed!**

Oh, sing hallelujah



**Join the chorus,
sing with the redeemed**

**Christ is risen,
He is risen indeed!**



**Christ is risen,
He is risen indeed!**

Oh, sing hallelujah



**Join the chorus,
sing with the redeemed**

**Christ is risen,
He is risen indeed!**



He is risen!

**He's alive, He's alive
Heaven's gates are opened wide**

**He's alive, He's alive
Now in heaven glorified**



He's alive, He's alive
Heaven's gates are opened wide

He's alive, He's alive
Now in heaven glorified

Greeting

P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



Song of Praise

He Is Exalted

CCLI #17827

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

I will praise Him

He is exalted, forever exalted

And I will praise His name



He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name



He is exalted
The King is exalted on high



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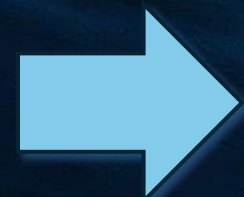
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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us Pray.

**C: O God of life, you reach out to
us amid our fears with the
wounded hands of your risen
Son.**



**C: By your Spirit's breath revive
our faith in your mercy,
and strengthen us to be the
body of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord,**



**C: Who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.**

Amen.

OBEY GOD RATHER
THAN MEN

Acts 5:27-32

***The God of
our ancestors
raised up Jesus.***

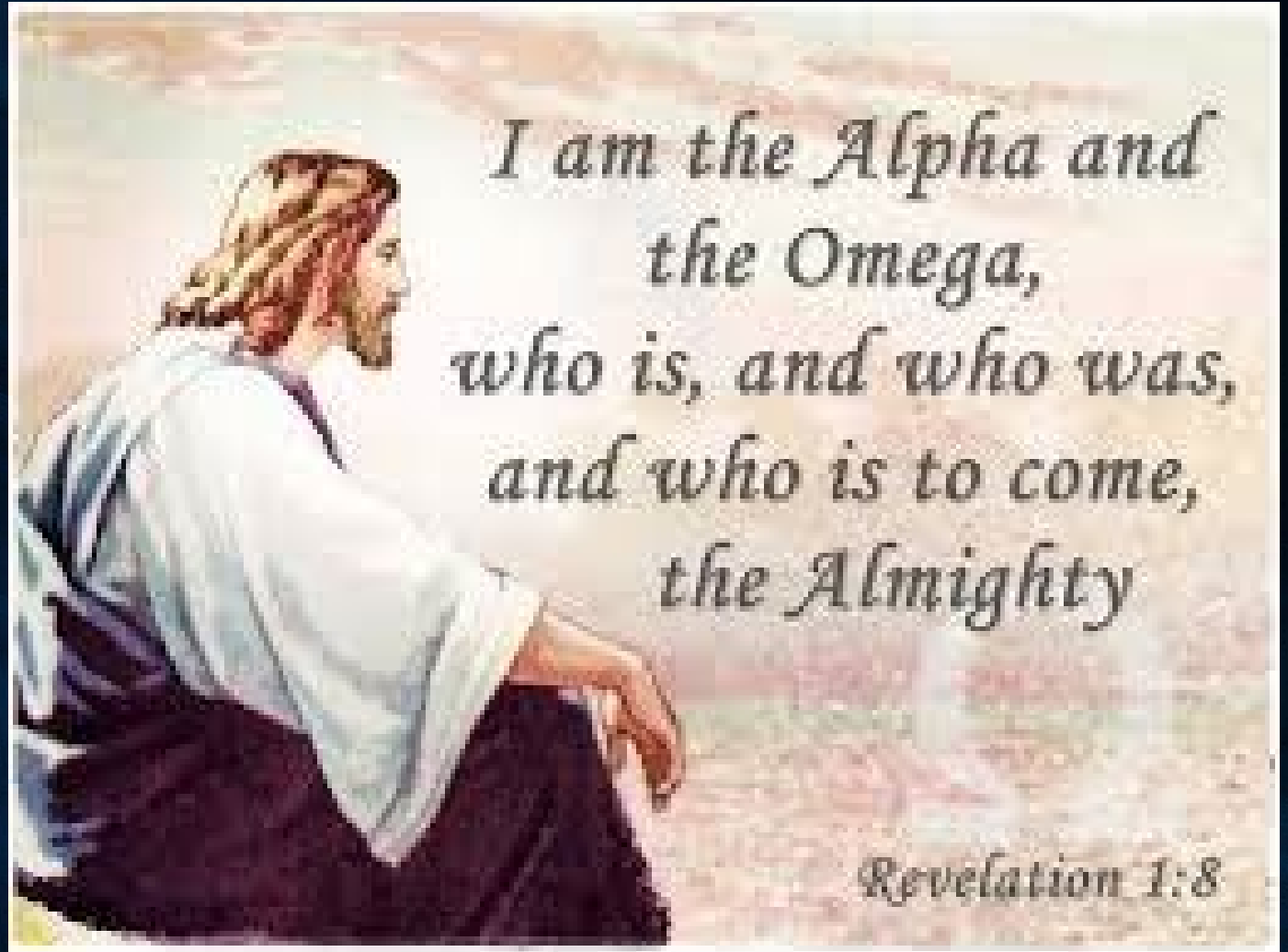


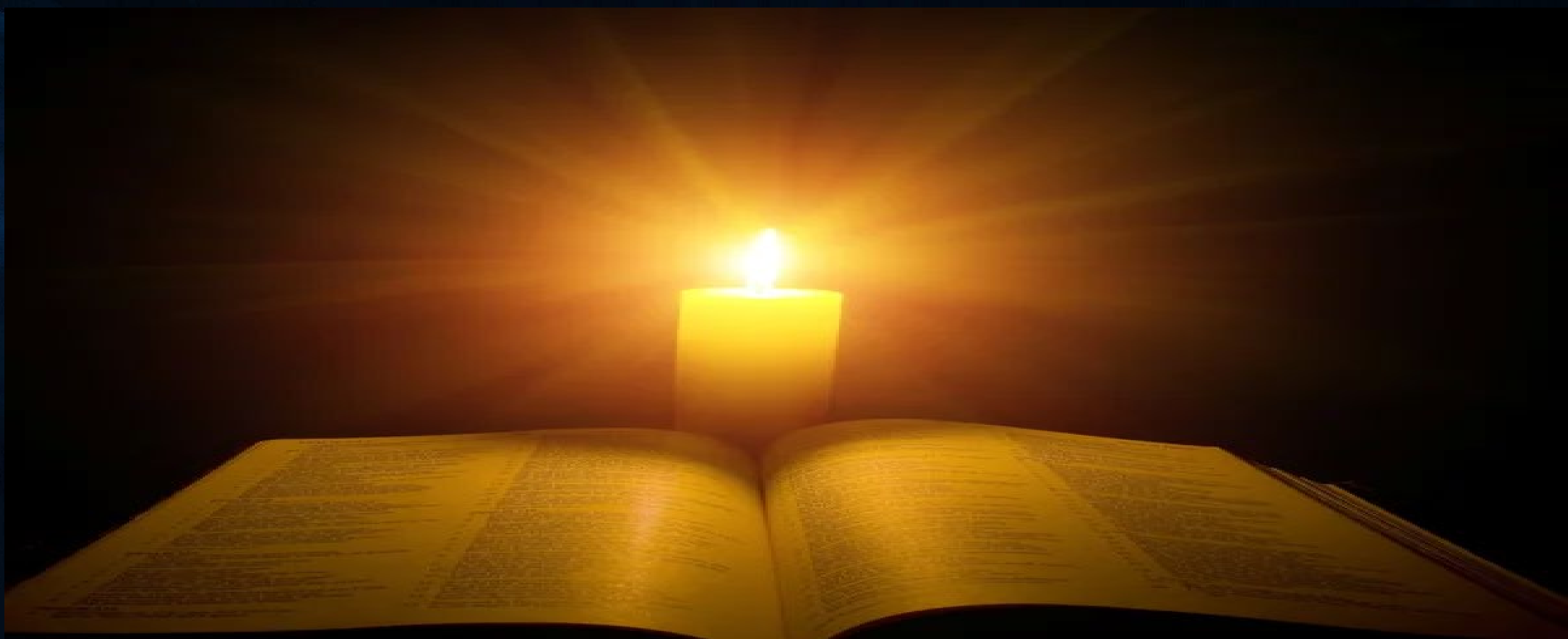
P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Revelation 1:4-8

***Jesus Christ,
the firstborn of
the dead,
is coming***





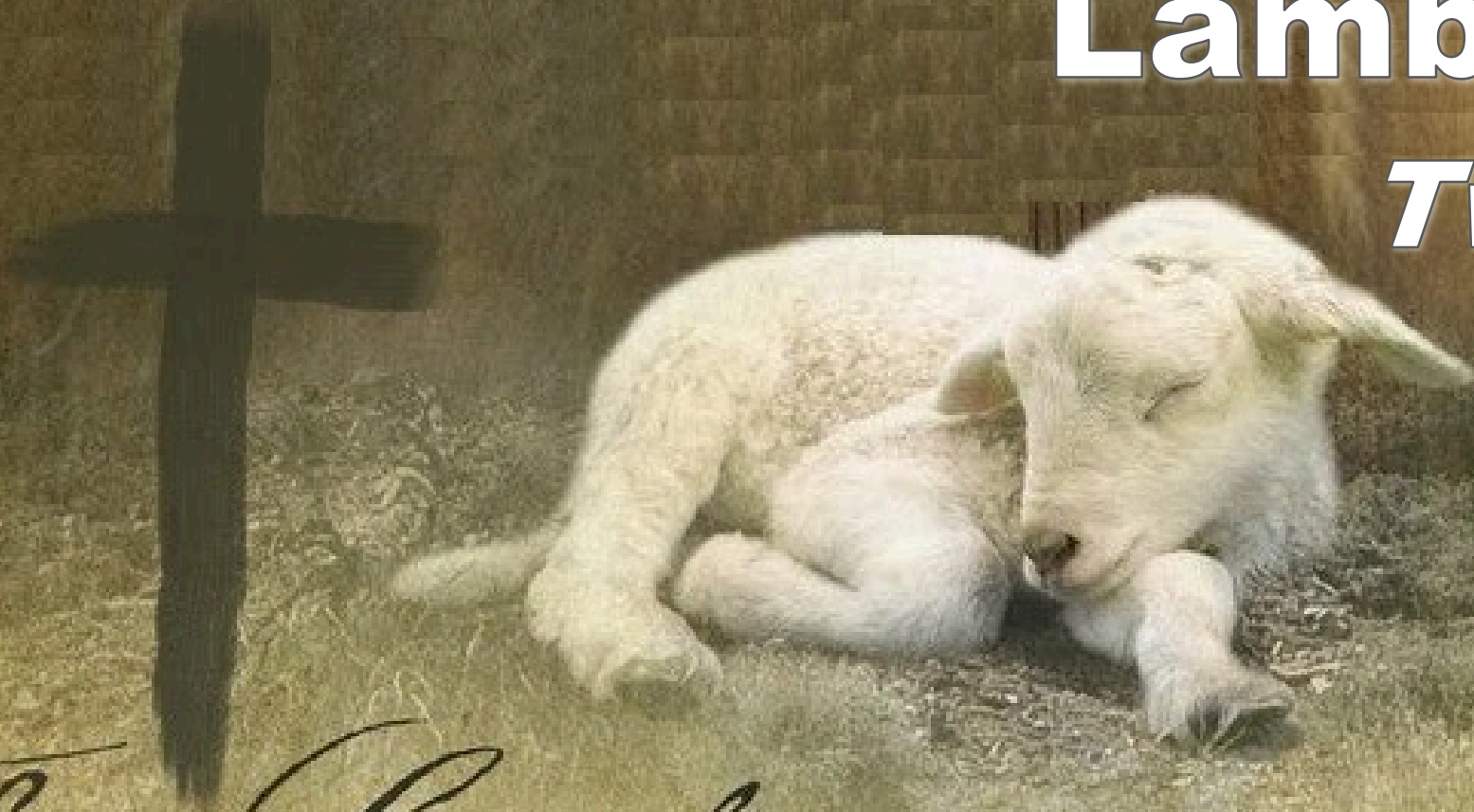
P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Lamb of God

Twila Paris



*The Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world John 1:29*

Gospel Acclamation

Word of God, Speak

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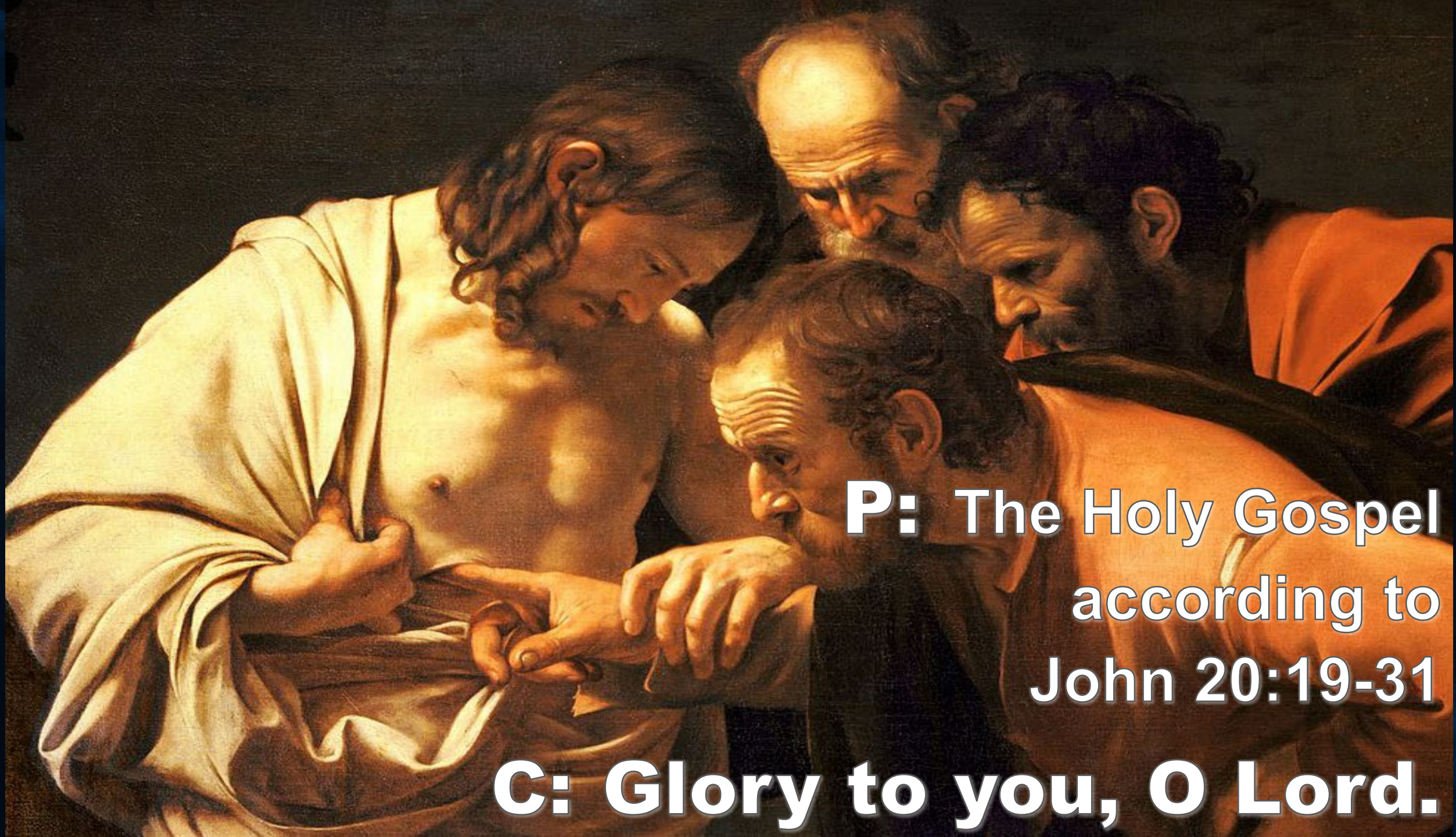
**Word of God speak
would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see
Your majesty**



**To be still and know
that You're in this place**

**Please let me stay and rest
in Your holiness**

Word of God speak



P: The Holy Gospel
according to
John 20:19-31

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Today's
Message
Given By**

**Pastor
Art Wuertz**



***a moment of silence
for reflection***

Song of the Day

Because He Lives

CCLI #16880

**1. God sent His Son
they called Him Jesus**

**He came to love
heal and forgive**



**He bled and died
to buy my pardon**

**An empty grave is there
to prove My Savior lives**



(CHORUS)

**Because He lives
I can face tomorrow**

**Because He lives
all fear is gone**



**Because I know
He holds the future
And life is worth the living
just because He lives**



**2. How sweet to hold
a newborn baby**

**And feel the pride
and joy he gives**



**But greater still
the calm assurance**

**This child can face uncertain
days because Christ lives**



(CHORUS)

**Because He lives
I can face tomorrow**

**Because He lives
all fear is gone**



**Because I know
He holds the future
And life is worth the living
just because He lives**



**3. And then one day
I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final
war with pain**



**And then as death
gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
and I'll know He reigns**



(CHORUS)

**Because He lives
I can face tomorrow**

**Because He lives
all fear is gone**



**Because I know
He holds the future
And life is worth the living
just because He lives**

Affirmation of Baptism for New Members

P: I present these sisters and brothers,
who desire to affirm their baptism.

Let us pray.



P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R: I renounce them.



P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I renounce them.



(to Congregation)

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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



P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 into hell.

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**



**And is seated at the right hand
of the Father.**

**He will come to judge the living
and the dead.**



P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**



P: You have professed your faith with us.
Do you intend to continue in the covenant
God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in
the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the Gospel through word
and deed,



to serve all people, following the
example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all
the earth?

**R: I do, and I ask God to help
and guide me.**



P: People of God, do you promise to support these people and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.



P: Let us rejoice with these new members of Joy!

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of the People



Passing of the Peace

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

C: And also
with you.

*(Share the sign of peace
in the manner you feel most comfortable.)*



A scenic photograph of a sunset over a rocky coastline. The sun is a bright, glowing orb in the upper right, casting a warm orange and yellow light across the sky. The horizon is visible in the distance, with the sun just above it. The foreground is dominated by dark, jagged rocks on the left and right sides, framing the view of the sea. The water is calm, reflecting the light from the sun.

Offertory

There Is a Redeemer

Melody Green

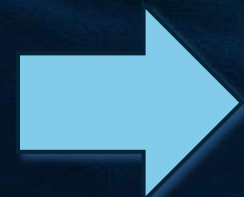
Congregational Offertory

Your Grace Is Enough

CCLI #4477026

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



So, remember Your people

Remember Your children

Remember Your promise O God



Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough for me



Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me



God I sing
Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me
For me

Offertory Prayer

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

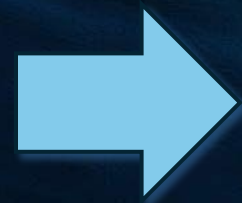
The Sacrament of Communion

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.

It is indeed right...



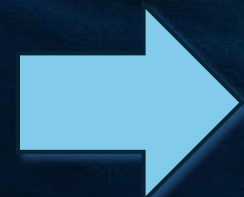
Sanctus

Revelation Song

CCLI #4447960

**Filled with wonder
awestruck wonder**

**At the mention
of Your name**



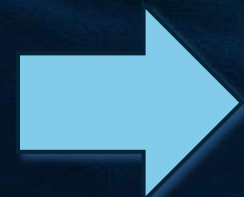
Jesus

**Your name is power
breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery**



**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty**

**Who was and is
and is to come**

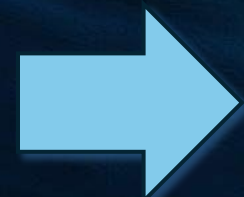


**With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You**



**Holy, holy, holy
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**With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings**

**You are my ev'rything
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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution



The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

C: Amen.

***ALL baptized Christians are welcome to
receive the Lord's Supper.***

***Gluten-free wafers (distributed by Assistant Minister) and grape juice
(Clear juice in center of tray) are also offered, if desired.***

Lamb of God

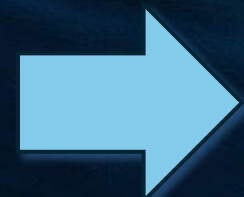
Behold the Lamb

CCLI #5003372

**1. Behold the Lamb
who bears our sins away**

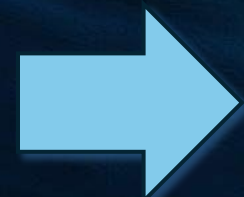
Slain for us

and we remember



**The promise made
that all who come in faith**

**Find forgiveness
at the cross**



So we share in this Bread of Life

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King



**2. The body of our Saviour
Jesus Christ**

Torn for you

eat and remember



**The wounds that heal
the death that brings us life**

**Paid the price
to make us one**



So we share in this Bread of Life

And we drink of His sacrifice

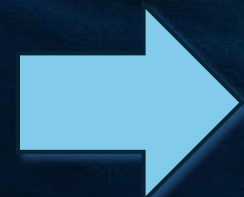
As a sign of our bonds of love

Around the table of the King



**3. The blood that cleanses
every stain of sin**

**Shed for you
drink and remember**



**He drained death's cup
that all may enter in
To receive the life of God**



So we share in this Bread of Life

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of grace

Around the table of the King



**4. And so with thankfulness
and faith we rise**

**To respond
and to remember**



**Our call to follow in the
steps of Christ**

As His body here on earth



**So we share
in this Bread of Life**

**And we drink
of His sacrifice**



**And we'll join
in the feast of heav'n
Around the table of the King**

Distribution Song

**Oh, How He Loves
You and Me**

CCLI #15850

Oh, how He loves you and me

Oh, how He loves you and me

He gave His life

what more could He give



Oh, how He loves you

Oh, how He loves me

**Oh, how He loves
you and me**



**Jesus to Calv'ry did go
His love for sinners to show**

**What He did there
brought hope from despair**



Oh, how He loves you

Oh, how He loves me

**Oh, how He loves
you and me**

Distribution Song

Abide

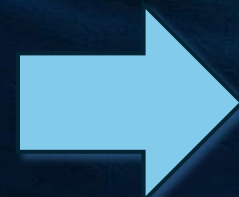
CCLI #7168160

**1. For my waking breath
For my daily bread
I depend on You,
I depend on You**



**For the sun to rise
For my sleep at night**

**I depend on You
I depend on You**



(CHORUS)

**You're the way the
truth and the life**

**You're the well
that never runs dry**



**I'm the branch and
You are the vine**

**Draw me close and
teach me to abide**



**2. Where the Spirit leads
as I'm following**

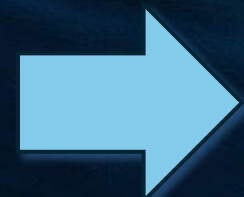
**I depend on You
I depend on You**



**For the victories
still in front of me**

I depend on You

I depend on You



(CHORUS)

**You're the way the
truth and the life**

**You're the well
that never runs dry**



**I'm the branch and
You are the vine
Draw me close and
teach me to abide**



**Be my strength
my song in the night
Be my all my treasure
my prize**

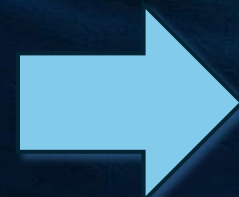


I am Yours
forever You're mine
Draw me close and
teach me to abide



**3. When I pass through death
as I enter rest**

**I depend on You
I depend on You**



**For eternal life
to be raised with Christ**

**I depend on You
I depend on You**



(CHORUS)

**You're the way the
truth and the life**

**You're the well
that never runs dry**



**I'm the branch and
You are the vine
Draw me close and
teach me to abide**



**Be my strength
my song in the night
Be my all my treasure
my prize**



I am Yours
forever You're mine
Draw me close and
teach me to abide

Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ strengthen you and keep you
in His grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself
known to us. Send us now to tell of
your wonders, sing of your glory, and
proclaim your risen life to a wounded
and weary world.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection
dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

This Is Amazing Grace

CCLI #6333821

**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**



**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)

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**



**3. Who brings our chaos
back into order**

**Who makes the orphan
a son and daughter**

**The King of Glory
the King of Glory**



**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**



(CHORUS)

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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**



**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
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**Worthy is the King
who conquered the grave**



**Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain**

**Worthy
Worthy
Worthy**



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
All that You've done for me**

Sending

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Postlude

Sing to the King

Billy J. Foote

