
WELCOME:

Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Amazing Grace with Amazing Grace, Alleluia" – Henry and Harper Hunsaker

OPENING PRAYER:

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GATHERING 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
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:

Chorus 1: (2 times)

Pre-Chorus:

Chorus 1:

Chorus 2:

Yeah, your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

CCLI Song # 4477026 Matt Maher © 2003 Thankyou Music
(Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) spiritandsong.com
For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use.
All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 1031974

**Desert Cross
Lutheran Church
Gilbert, AZ**



FIRST READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *Read by Christine Soll*

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly

³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

CCU Song # 6087919
Bryan Torwalt | Katie Torwalt
© 2011 Capitol CMG Genesis (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
Jesus Culture Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com
CCU License # 1031974

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Andrea Cain

SERMON SONG: "In Christ Alone"

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

CCLI Song # 3350395

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

© 2001 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved.

www.ccli.com

CCLI License # 1031974



Desert Cross Lutheran Church
Tempe, AZ

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

The God of peace be with you all.
Let us pray.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and all people of faith.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. We especially lift up our world for healing from the COVID-19 pandemic and all those who suffer and tend the sick.

Living God, we commend all those who have gone to their heavenly homes. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your welcome for all.

Listen as we call on you, Lord, and teach us to pray:

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"Here I Am to Worship w/ "O Worship the King" – Joni Van Rossum (piano)

LITANY OF GENEROSITY:

Gracious God, give us generous hearts,
So we may know the joy that comes from helping others,
So we may give without counting the cost,
So we may fully appreciate all God's many gifts to us.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts,
So that that we may show the world another way of living,
So we may celebrate the Story that shapes our story,
So we may live an "abundant life" in response to all God provides.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts,
So we may give thanks for the heritage of faith in you passed on to us,
So we may give thanks for all the generous saints who have walked before us,
So we may recognize the many blessings of each new day.

Gracious God, give us generous hearts.
So we may be a blessing to others beyond our walls together, as we thank and serve God with
humble hearts. Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Be Thou My Vision"

Verse 1

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

Verse 2

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Verse 3

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

CCLI Song # 7056332

Eleanor Henrietta Hull | Mary Elizabeth Byrne | Russell Mauldin

© Words: Public Domain

Music: 2010 Belden Street Music Publishing (Admin. by ClearBox Rights, LLC)

For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com

CCLI License # 1031974

BENEDICTION:

The God of of all grace + bless you now and forever. Amen.

Musicians: *Daniel Decker (vocalist), Michael Lottes (vocalist)*
Joni Van Rossum (piano), Henry Hunsaker (vocalist) and Harper Hunsaker (vocalist)