

WELCOME:

GATHERING SONG: "Jesus, Only Jesus"

Verse 1

Who has the power to raise the dead
Who can save us from our sin
He is our hope our righteousness
Jesus only Jesus

Verse 2

Who can make the blind to see
Who holds the keys that set us free
He paid it all to bring us peace
Jesus only Jesus

Chorus

Holy King Almighty Lord
Saints and angels all adore

I join with them and bow before
Jesus only Jesus

Verse 3

Who can command the highest praise
Who has the name above all names
You stand alone I stand amazed
Jesus only Jesus

Chorus

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OPENING PRAYER: *Prayer of Illumination*

Mighty God,
you spoke to your people in the pillar of cloud
as they walked together in the wilderness.

Speak to us through your Word today,
that we may hear you calling us
out of the wilderness places in our lives
and into new places you have promised to show us.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

~ written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Vocalise" - Rachmaninoff

Laurie Selby (cello), Frederick Chao (cello), and Mutsumi Mori (piano)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Forgive us, God, when we linger too long by the waters,
and on the mountain tops,
enthralled with the glory that flows from you.
When we fail to listen to your voice, leading and guiding us,
shake us from our contentment
and send us forward endowed with your power. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Because of Jesus' resurrection,
we have seen and heard of God's glory!
Here is the good news:
Jesus lives! He is raised! We are forgiven!
Go, share the vision!
Tell of God's love! In this God is well pleased!

FIRST READING: Psalm 50:1-6 *Read by Jennifer Piellucci*

¹The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.
³Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.
⁴He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
⁵"Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
⁶The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.



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L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "The Power of the Cross"

This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Andrea Cain

SERMON SONG: "Our God"

Verse 1

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

Verse 2

Chorus

Bridge

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against

(Repeat)

Then what could stand against

Chorus (2x)

Bridge

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

The peace of the Lord be with you.
Let us pray.

For the church throughout the world, sharing the good news of Christ so that his light shines brightly into all places.

For bishops, pastors, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the people of God.

For all the nations and peoples of the earth, and for justice, mercy, and peace.

For all who are needy, lonely, or sick, especially those suffering with Covid-19.

For the dying and the dead, and for those who mourn.

That all the world may reflect the splendor of God and all peoples share in the grace of Christ.

Blessed are you, God of light eternal. Hear our prayers for all peoples and let your glory shine upon us, that our lives may proclaim your goodness and our works give you honor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from Ormande Plater, the Episcopal church in New Orleans. Posted on his website, [Ormande Plater](#).

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.



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SENDING SONG: "One Thing Remains" (Your Love Never Fails)"

Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains
One thing remains

Chorus

Your love never fails
It never gives up
Never runs out on me

(Repeat 3x)

Your love

Verse 2

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

BENEDICTION:

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
And the Holy Spirit, the comforter +
keep you in peace. Amen.

Chorus

Bridge

In death in life I'm confident and
Cover'd by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid there's nothing that
Can separate my heart from Your great love

Verse 2

Chorus

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