

SEASON OF EASTER – APRIL 27, 2025

## "And Can It Be"

by Charles Wesley

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain
For me, who Him to death pursued

Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me
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'Tis mystery all the Immortal dies
Who can explore His strange design
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine

'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:

'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

Long my imprisoned Spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light

My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in Him is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine

Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own
Amazing love how can it be
That Thou my God shouldst die for me

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People:** Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

Leader: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

**People:** Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Leader: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

**People:** Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**Leader:** Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord!

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## "How Great Thou Art"

Words: Stuart K. Hine

Music: Swedish folk melody

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art! And when I think, that God,
His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

# "This Is My Father's World"

by Aaron Purdy, Franklin Lawrence Sheppard, Jennie Lee Riddle, and Maltbie Davenport Babcock This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres

This is my Father's world
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees of skies and seas
His hand the wonders wrought

This is my Father's world
The birds their carols raise
The morning light the lily white
Declare their Maker's praise

This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fair
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world
O let me ne'er forget
And though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet

# This is my Father's world Why should my heart be sad The Lord is King let the heavens ring God reigns let the earth be glad

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Job 42:1-6

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Father of Lights, You have called us to abide in You, yet we have strayed into darkness. You have given us the commands of life, but we have followed the desires of our own hearts.

Lord Jesus Christ, our Advocate, You are the Righteous One who stands in our place, yet we often live as though we have no need of grace. Your blood is sufficient to cleanse, yet we cling to the stains of sin.

Holy Spirit, our Helper, You lead us into truth and empower obedience, yet we resist Your work and grieve Your presence.

Forgive us. Renew us by Your mercy, that we may walk as children of light, keep Your word with gladness, and abide in the love that first sought us.

Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

# "I Will Arise and Go To Jesus"

by Joseph Hart

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in His arms
In the arms of my dear Savior
O, there are ten thousand charms

Come, ye weary, heavy laden Lost and ruined by the fall If you tarry till you're better You will never come at all Come, ye sinners, poor and needy Weak and wounded, sick and sore Jesus, ready, stands to save you Full of pity love and power

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### GREETING

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Leader:** Let us share His peace with one another.

Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.

Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 2:1-6

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

# "There is a Fountain"

Words: William Cowper

Music: Karl Digerness

# There is fountain filled with blood Drawn from Emmanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains

Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see

That fountain in his day;

And there may I, though vile as he,

Wash all my sins away

Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

# Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its power 'Til all the ransomed church of God Be saved to sin no more

Be saved to sin no more,
Be saved to sin no more;
'Til all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be 'til I die;

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Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be 'til I die.

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

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

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.

As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.

Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.

# "Rock Of Ages"

by Augustus Montague Toplady and James Ward

Rock of Ages cleft for me Let me hide myself in thee Let the water and the blood From thy riven side which flowed Be of sin the double cure Cleanse me from its guilt and power

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands Could my zeal no respite know Could my tears forever flow All for sin could not atone Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hands I bring Simply to thy cross I cling Naked come to thee for dress Helpless look to thee for grace Foul I to the fountain fly Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath When my eyelids close in death When I soar to worlds unknown See thee on thy judgment throne Rock of Ages cleft for me Let me hide myself in thee

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

# Announcements

## Benediction

May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

Amen.

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. (4x)



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