

OPENING MUSIC: Rescuer (Good News)

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There is good news for the captive,
good news for the shamed,
there is good news
for the one who walked away,
there is good news for the doubter,
the one religion failed,
for the Good Lord has come to seek and save.

He's our rescuer, He's our rescuer.

We are free from sin forever more.

Oh, how sweet the sound;

Oh, how grace abounds!

We will praise the Lord our rescuer.

He is beauty for the blind man,
riches for the poor.

He is friendship for the one the world ignores.

He is pasture for the weary,
rest for those who strive,

for the Good Lord is the way, the truth, the life.

Yes, the Good Lord is the way, the truth, the life.

He's our rescuer....

We will praise the Lord our rescuer. (x2)

So come and be chainless;

come and be fearless;

come to the foot of Calvary.

There is redemption for every affliction,

here at the foot of Calvary. *(repeat verse)*

He's our rescuer....

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WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP (from Romans 8: 32-35; 37-38 NIRV)

One: God did not spare his own Son.

He gave him up for us all.

Then won't he also freely give us
everything else?

**All: Who can bring any charge
against God's chosen ones?**

God makes us right with himself.

One: Then who can sentence us to death?

All: No one.

**Christ Jesus is at the right hand of God
and is also praying for us.**

One: He died. More than that, he was raised to life.

Who can separate us from Christ's love?

Can trouble or hard times or harm or hunger?

Can nakedness or danger or war?

All: No! In all these things

we are more than winners!

We owe it all to Christ, who has loved us.

...not even death or life

can separate us from God's love.

SONG: Here is love, vast as the ocean

Watch video <https://youtu.be/LvAlmBxDBH4>

Here is love, vast as the ocean,

loving kindness as the flood,

when the Prince of life, our ransom,

shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember?

Who can cease to sing His praise?

He can never be forgotten,

throughout heaven's eternal days.

Grace takes my sin, calls me friend,

pays my debt completely.

Love rescued me, seated me

with my King forevermore.

On the mount of crucifixion,

fountains opened deep and wide.

Through the floodgates of God's mercy

flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love like mighty rivers

poured incessant from above.

Heaven's peace and perfect justice

kissed a guilty world in love.

Grace takes my sin...

Let me all Your love accepting,

love You ever all my days.

Let me seek Your kingdom only

and my life be to Your praise.

You alone shall be my glory,

nothing in the world I see.

You have cleansed and sanctified me,

God Himself has set me free.

Grace takes my sin...

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PRAYER

BIBLE READING: Genesis 15: 1-6 (New International Reader's Version)

SONG: By faith we see the hand of God

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By faith we see the hand of God

in the light of creation's grand design;

in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,

who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth

with the power of his promise in their hearts:

of a holy city built by God's own hand—

a place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise,

we will fix our eyes on him: our soul's reward.

Till the race is finished and the work is done,

we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day

when the longed-for Messiah would appear

with the power to break the chains of sin and death

and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith, the church was called to go

in the power of the Spirit to the lost:

to deliver captives and to preach good news

in every corner of the earth.

We will stand as children of the promise...

By faith, this mountain shall be moved

and the power of the gospel shall prevail,

for we know in Christ all things are possible

for all who call upon his name.

We will stand as children of the promise... (x2)

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BIBLE READING: Genesis 22: 1-14 (New Revised Standard Version)

SONG: O sacred Head, now wounded

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O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown:
how pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn!

What thou, my Lord, has suffered
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Saviour!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favour,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

[Instrumental]

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love for thee.

Salve caput cruentatum; *German: P Gerhardt (1607-76);
English: JW Alexander (1804-59) & HW Baker (1821-77)*

BIBLE READING: Hebrews 11: 17-19; 12:1 -3 (New Testament for Everyone)

REFLECTIONS: The Testing and the Promise

SONG: What wondrous love is this (Please sit)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/uwnJFEQrey0?list=RDuwnJFEQrey0>

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Son of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous
frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

[Instrumental]

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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PRAYER

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 53: 6-7, 9-11 (New Living Translation)

A short time of silence follows this final reading.

SONG: Is He Worthy?

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Do you feel the world is broken? *We do.*
Do you feel the shadows deepen? *We do.*
But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting through? *We do.*
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *We do.*

Is all creation groaning? *It is.*

Is a new creation coming? *It is.*

Is the glory of the Lord

to be the light within our midst? *It is.*

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *It is.*

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

*The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David's Root and the Lamb
who died to ransom the slave.*

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honour and glory?

Is He worthy of this? *He is.*

Does the Father truly love us? *He does.*

Does the Spirit move among us? *He does.*

And does Jesus our Messiah
hold forever those He loves? *He does.*

Does our God intend
to dwell again with us? *He does.*

Is anyone worthy? ...

From ev'ry people and tribe,
ev'ry nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honour and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this? *He is.*

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? *He is. He is.*

*Andrew Peterson & Ben Shive @2018 Capitol CMG Genesis;
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THE BLESSING

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work
to do his will,
working in you
that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you. **Amen.**

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Easter Sunday Celebration: 11.00 in the church