

Epiphany Lutheran Church
Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021
10:00 a.m. Live Stream Service

WELCOME

THE OPENING SONGS

“Awake My Soul”

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Saviour's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear praises He hears faith

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Saviour's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear worship He hears faith

Chorus:

Awake my soul and sing
Sing His praise aloud sing His praise aloud
Oh awake my soul and sing
Sing His praise aloud sing His praise aloud

There is a sound that changes things
The sound of His people on their knees
Oh wake up you slumbering
It's time to worship Him

Chorus

And when He moves and when we pray
Where stood a wall now stands a way
Where every promise is amen
And when He moves make no mistake
The bowels of hell begin to shake
All hail the Lord all hail the King

Hey oh
Oh let the King of glory enter in
Hey oh
Fall down on your knees and worship Him
Hey oh
Let His praise rise up don't hold it in

Chorus

“This Is Amazing Grace”

**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**

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

**This is amazing grace this is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You would lay down Your life
That I would be set free
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me**

**Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory**

**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**

**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
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 conquers the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquers 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
Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me
All that you've done for me**

“This Is Amazing Grace”, Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham

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THE INVOCATION

(Gathering for worship in the name of God)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Glory and honor, dominion and power be to God forever and ever.

Congregation: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

¹ How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. *(NIV)*

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (NIV)

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

The Proclaimer of the Message today is the Rev. Dr. Jon Salminen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
 and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
 give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE CLOSING SONG

"No Longer Slaves"

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear
 I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
 I am a child of God

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Chorus 2X

**You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God
(2X)**

**I am a child of God
(2X)**

Chorus

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