

The Ascension of Our Lord

Preservice Song: "I Thank God"

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Intro (2x)

Verse 1

Wond'ring into the night, wanting a place to
hide

This weary soul, this bag of bones
I try with all my might but I just can't win the
fight

I'm slowly drifting a vaga - bond

Pre-Chorus

And just when I ran out of the road

I met a man I didn't know

And He told me that I was not a - lone

Chorus 1

You picked me up, You turned me around

And placed my feet on solid ground

I thank the Master, I thank the Savior

Because You healed my heart, You changed
my name

For - ever free, I'm not the same

I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank

God

Intro

Verse 2

I cannot deny what I've seen, got no choice but
to believe

My doubts are burn - in' like ashes in the wind

So, so long to my old friends, burden and
bitterness

You can just keep it mov - ing, nah you ain't
welcome here

Pre-Chorus 2

From now till I walk streets of gold

I'll sing of how You saved my soul

This wayward son has found his way back

home

Chorus

Intro (2x)

Bridge 1

Hell lost another one, I am free, I am free, I am free

Bridge 2

Hell lost another one, I am free, I am free, I am free

Hell lost another one, I am free, I am free, I am free

Bridge 3

Hell lost another one, I am free, I am free, I am free

Hell lost another one, I am free, I am free, I am free

Chorus

Welcome/Greet One Another

“All Creatures Of Our God And King”

By Jonathan Baird, Ryan Baird, St Francis Of Assisi, and William

Intro (2x)

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him, alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him, O praise Him, alle - luia, alle - luia, alle - lu - ia

Intro

Verse 2

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him, alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise the Spirit three in One

O praise Him, O praise Him, alle - luia, alle - luia, alle - lu - ia

Verse 3

All the redeemed washed by His blood

Come and rejoice in His great love

O praise Him, alleluia

Christ has defeated every sin

Cast all your burdens now on Him

O praise Him, O praise Him , alle - luia, alle - luia, alle - lu - ia

Verse 4

He shall return in pow'r to reign, heaven and earth will join to say

O praise Him, alle - luia

Then who shall fall on bended knee, all creatures of our God and King

O praise Him, O praise Him , alle - luia, alle - luia

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O praise Him, O praise Him , alle - luia, alle - luia, alle - lu - ia

Outro

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

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

C **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.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

“God Is In This Story”

By Ethan Hulse, Jeff Pardo, and Katy Nichole

Intro

Verse 1

There's torn up pages in this book, words that tell me I'm no good
Chapters that de - fined me for so long
But the hands of grace and endless love, dusted off and picked me up
Told my heart that hope is never gone

Chorus 1

God is in this story, God is in the details
Even in the broken parts, He holds my heart, He never fails
When I'm at my weakest, I will trust in Jesus
Always in the highs and lows, the One who goes be - fore me
God is in this story

Intro

Verse 2

So if the storm you're walking through, feels like it's too much, and you
Wonder if He even cares at all
Hold on tight to what you know, He promised He won't let you go
Your song of healing's written in His scars

Chorus 2

God is in this story, God is in the details
Even in the broken parts, He holds my heart, He never fails
When I'm at my weakest, I will trust in Jesus
Always in the highs and lows, the One who goes be - fore me
God is in this story

Bridge

If it reads like addiction, if it reads like disease
He's the One who frees the prisoner, He's the healer of all things
If it reads like depression, if it reads broken home

He's the One who holds your sorrow, He won't leave you here a - lone

Chorus 3

God is in this story, God is in the details

Even in the broken parts, He holds my heart, He never fails

When I'm at my weakest, I will trust in Jesus

Always in the highs and lows, the One who goes be - fore me

Always in the highs and lows, the One who goes be - fore me

End

God is in this story (You're in this story)

God is in my story (Right here in my story)

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

“Amen”

By Bailly Hager, Courtnie Ramirez, Daniel Gonzalez, Joshua Sherman, Kaleb

Intro

Verse 1

Be - hold Je - hovah seated on the throne
Abba, Father, the Well that over - flows
The God who was and is and shall be for - ever - more
Holy is the Lord

Chorus 1

- men, a - men, blessing and honor
And glory and power, a - men
- men, a - men, blessing and honor
And glory and power, a - men

Verse 2

Be - hold the Way, the Truth and the Life
Perfect Saviour, the Blood that washed us white
The God who was and is and shall be for - ever - more
Holy is the Lord

Chorus 2

- men, a - men, blessing and honour
And glory and power, a - men
- men, a - men, blessing and honour
And glory and power, a - men

Bridge 1

Holiness has a name and it's Jesus
Victory has a name and it's Jesus
The Word has a name and it's Jesus
Re - demption has a name and it's Jesus

Bridge 2

Holiness has a name and it's Jesus
victory has a name and it's Jesus
The Word has a name and it's Jesus
Re - demption has a name and it's Jesus

Chorus 3

- men, a - men, blessing and honor
And glory and power, a - men
- men, a - men, blessing and honor
And glory and power, a - men

Chorus 4

- men, a - men, blessing and honour
And glory and power, a - men
- men, a - men, blessing and honour
And glory and power, a - men

Tag

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- men, a - men, a - men, a - men
- men, a - men, a - men, a - men

Sermon

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering

Please take a moment and fill out the Connect Card inserted into the news bulletin. Completed Connect Cards can be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayers

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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 Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of the Lord

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with You always.

People: And also with you.

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Please see our Communion Statement on the front side of the news bulletin insert for an explanation of our beliefs and practices regarding Holy Communion, as well as questions you can use in your personal preparation.

Distribution Music:

“Goodness Of God”

By Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson

Intro

Verse 1

I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my
head

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus 1

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice, You have led me through the
fire
And in darkest nights You are close like no
other
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a
friend

And I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus 1

Bridge

(Cause) Your goodness is running after, it's
running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running
after me
With my life laid down, I'm sur - rendered now
I give You every - thing
Your goodness is running after, it's running
after me

Turn

Chorus 2 (Quiet)

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

Chorus 3 (Loud)

'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

“Gratitude”

By Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake, and Dante Bowe

Intro

Verse 1

All my words fall short, I got nothing new
How could I express all my gratitude

Verse 2

I could sing these songs, as I often do
But every song must end and You never do

Chorus 1

So I throw up my hands, and praise You again and a - gain
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, halle - lujah
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, halle - lu - jah

Verse 3

I've got one response, I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide, I will worship You

Chorus 1

Interlude (2x)

Bridge 1

So come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion
In - side of those lungs, get up and praise the Lord

Bridge 2

Oh come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion

In - side of those lungs, get up and praise the Lord, hey

Instrumental 1 (2x)

Transtion 1

Chorus 2

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again

'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah

And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king

Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelu - jah

Post Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

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.

People: **Amen.**

Announcements

“What A Beautiful Name/ Agnus Dei”

By Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

Intro

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in cre - ation, now re - vealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater

What could separ - ate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Instrumental 1

Bridge 1

Death could not hold You, the veil tore be - fore You
You silence the boast of sin and grave

The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life a - gain

Bridge 2

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and for - ever God You reign

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand a - gainst
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Bridge 3

You have no rival, You have no equal

Now and for - ever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 4

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Hol - y, hol - y, are You Lord God Al - migh - ty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are hol - y, hol - y, are You Lord God Al - migh - ty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, You are holy - y

Instrumental 2

Instrumental 3

Tag

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

