

THE STORY



*Living Praise
Celebration*
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“I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461

I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com
He lives to bless me with His love, He lives
He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives
He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives,

fort this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, Who
to plead for me with His a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
and guide me shall con - quer death; He lives to com - fort
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.

WELCOME AND EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION - from Psalm 116

Pastor: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

All: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

Pastor: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

All: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

All: Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

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

All: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Pastor: This is the Easter Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thank You for giving us Your Good News!

SERMON

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Lord God, we confess to you:

All: My faith has struggled during this disaster. I have resented being locked up like a prisoner. I have resisted human authorities – and you, my divine authority – because of my desire to take control of these events. I have failed to act differently from those who don’t know you, as if my faith is all words, and is not put into action. Lord God, forgive me.

-We pause to remember and repent of our sin-

Pastor: Now, how are we to live?

All: As an “act of God!” Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Lord God, inspire us to gratitude for your presence, your protection, and the hope you give during this time. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we respond to our challenges with faith, confidence, and acts of care for others. May people we know find the freedom we have in you, so that each of us becomes an “act of God.” In the name of our Lord Jesus we pray it. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

All: 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. He will come again 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.

PRAYERS

LORDS 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.

BENEDICTION

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING SONG

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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