

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

Prelude

He Is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord,
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord!

Welcome

Opening Song

The Voice of God

When the voice of God calls you, you better listen for your name,
When the voice of God calls you, you better listen for your name,
When the voice of God calls you, you know you'll never be the same.

When the hand of God grabs you, you know you better hold on tight
When the hand of God grabs you, you know you better hold on tight
When the hand of God grabs you, you know you're in for quite a ride

When the heart of God loves you, you know you've got a lot of love,
When the heart of God loves you, you know you've got a lot of love,
When the heart of God loves you, you know you've finally got enough.

Opening Prayer

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Amen.

Litany for a New Day

They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles. (Isaiah 40:31)

God is doing a new thing. Can you see it?

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation.

The old has passed away, behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

God is doing a new thing. Can you see it?

And the one who was seated on the throne said,

"Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5)

God is doing a new thing. Can you see it?

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)

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Reading

Acts 9

Saul was looking for all those who belonged to the Way so that he might bring them to Jerusalem. Now as he was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias! Get up and go to the street called Straight, and look for a man named Saul. Lay your hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before all people. So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored.

Message

Hymn of the Night

I Can See Clearly Now

I can see clearly now the rain is gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, (bright) bright, (bright) sun shiny day
It's gonna be a bright, (bright) bright, (bright) sun shiny day

I think I can make it now the pain is gone,
All of the bad feelings have disappeared.
Here is the rainbow I've been praying for.
It's gonna be a bright, (bright) bright, (bright) sun shiny day
It's gonna be a bright, (bright) bright, (bright) sun shiny day

Look all around, there's nothing but blue skies
Look straight ahead, there's nothing but blue skies

I can see clearly now the rain is gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, (bright) bright, (bright) sun shiny day
It's gonna be a bright, (bright) bright, (bright) sun shiny day

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Prayer

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

May the peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Closing Song

Make a Difference

You gave your life to make a difference, You gave your life to make a change.
You welcomed all to your table, You're calling us to do the same.

Chorus:

I want my life to make a difference, I want my life to make a change.
I want my life to do some good here, I want my life to make a change.

Working side by side, no out or inside, Together we can make that change.
With a few or many, with a lot or not any, Together we can make that change. *(Chorus)*

Crossing the great divide, joy and peace will abide, Together we can make that change.
Jesus is our peace, all fighting will cease, Together we can make that change. *(Chorus)*

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!