

Congregational Singing: "Before the Throne of God Above"

Grace Hymn 187. TEXT, Charitie L. Bancroft (1863), adapted by Vikki Cook; MUSIC, Vikki Cook.

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VERSE 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is grave on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

VERSE 2

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

VERSE 3

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my savior and my God,
With Christ, my savior and my God.

Closing Thoughts and Benediction

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Welcome and Call to Worship

Pastor Kevin Morris

Congregational Singing: "Praise to the LORD, the Almighty" Hymn 210

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VERSE 1

Praise to the LORD, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near.
Join me in glad adoration!

VERSE 2

Praise to the LORD, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

VERSE 3

Praise to the LORD, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

VERSE 4

Praise to the LORD! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the "Amen!" sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

Congregational Singing: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" Hymn 405

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VERSE 1

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

VERSE 3

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n till toils and cares shall end.

VERSE 4

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'n-ly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

CHORUS – "Jesus, Lord to Me"

Jesus, Jesus, Lord to me. Master, Savior, Prince of Peace!
Ruler of my heart today. Jesus, Lord to me. [REPEAT]

Scripture Reading – Colossians 1:24-28

Joel Blumer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alex Metras

Offertory – Congregational Singing: "Reformation Song"

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VERSE 1

Your Word alone is solid ground,
The mighty rock on which we build;
In every line the truth is found
And every page with glory filled.

VERSE 2

Through faith alone we come to You;
We have no merit we can claim.
Sure that Your promises are true,
We place our hope in Jesus' name.

REFRAIN

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.

VERSE 3

In Christ alone we're justified;
His righteousness is all our plea.
Your law's demands are satisfied;
His perfect work has set us free.

[sing REFRAIN]

VERSE 4

By grace alone we have been saved;
All that we are has come from You.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
Now by Your pow'r have been made new.

[sing REFRAIN 2x]

Message

Pastor Alex Metras

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

A LAMP, A GROWING SEED, A MUSTARD SEED,
AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Mark 4:21-34

Jesus continues using parables to teach truths about the Kingdom of God. Jesus teaches that —

1. God Reveals His Kingdom
 - a. A Question — Mark 4:21
 - b. A Puzzling Statement — Mark 4:11, 22; Colossians 1:25-27, Mark 1:14-15
 - c. A Neat Piece of Evidence — Mark 4:21
 - d. Jesus' Answer — Mark 4:23-26
2. God Sustains His Kingdom
 - a. The Growing Seed – Mark 4:26-29; 1 Corinthians 3:7, Philippians 1:6
 - b. Jesus Reveals God Is Sovereign over His Kingdom
3. God Elevates His Kingdom
 - a. The Mustard Seed — Mark 4:30-32
 - b. A Contrast
 - (1.) The Kingdom of God cannot be judged by human understanding
 - (2.) The Kingdom of God is matchless — Mark 4:33-34
4. God Wants Us to –
 - a. Seek the Kingdom of God — John 14:26
 - b. Find Security in the Kingdom of God
 - c. Have Confidence in the Kingdom of God