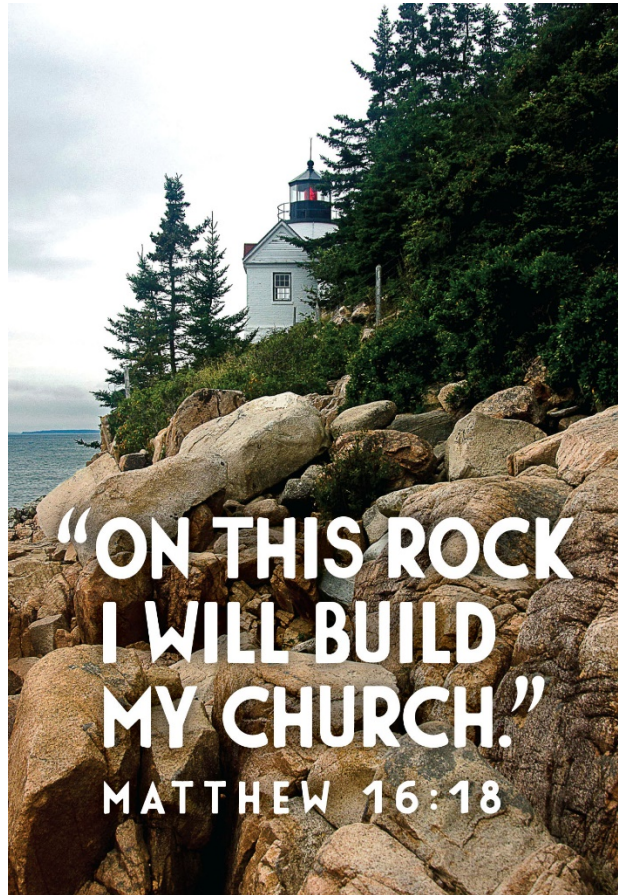


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## Introduction

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

## WELCOME

### Confession and Forgiveness

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN    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**

**My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
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**

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

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

**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**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 51:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. <sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 138**

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because  
of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right  
hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup>You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of  
your hands.

## **SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to  
present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God,  
which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but  
be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern  
what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think  
of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober  
judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

<sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members  
have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,  
and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that  
differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;  
<sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in  
exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the  
compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-20**

The holy gospel according Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

<sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY      I Surrender All**

**All to Jesus I surrender**

**All to Him I freely give**

**I will ever love and trust Him**

**In His presence daily live**

**I surrender all**

**I surrender all**

**All to Thee my blessed Savior**

**I surrender all**

**All to Jesus I surrender**

**Make me Savior wholly thine**

**May Thy Holy Spirit fill me**

**May I know Thy power divine**

**I surrender all**

**I surrender all**

**All to Thee my blessed Savior**

**I surrender all**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each prayer petition ends*

Faithful God, hear our prayer:

**your steadfast love endures forever.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

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## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love.

For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took a towel and wrapped it around his waist, and washed the disciples' feet, saying: if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

And after supper, when he had gone out, Jesus said to the disciples: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

For where two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus, the body of Christ is present, with us always, to the end of the age.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN      In Jesus' Name I Will Live**

**God is fighting for us God is on our side  
He has overcome yes He has overcome  
We will not be shaken we will not be moved  
Jesus You are here (oh)  
(REPEAT)**

**Carrying our burdens covering our shame  
He has overcome yes He has overcome  
We will not be shaken we will not be moved  
Jesus You are here**

**I will live I will not die  
The resurrection pow'r of Christ alive in me  
And I am free in Jesus' Name**

**I will live I will not die  
I will declare and lift You high  
Christ revealed and I am healed in Jesus' Name**

**God is fighting for us pushing back the darkness  
Lighting up the Kingdom that cannot be shaken  
In the Name of Jesus enemy's defeated  
And we will shout it out shout it out  
(REPEAT)**

**In Jesus' Name  
In Jesus' Name  
In Jesus' Name oh**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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*"Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone)*

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