

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2020

WELCOME: Lawrence

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP – Brett

### Here For You

Verse 1

Let our praise be Your welcome  
Let our songs be a sign  
We are here for You  
We are here for You  
Let Your breath come from heaven  
Fill our hearts with Your life  
We are here for You  
We are here for You

Chorus

To You our hearts are open  
Nothing here is hidden  
You are our one desire  
You alone are holy  
Only You are worthy  
God let Your fire fall down

Verse 2

Let our shout be Your anthem  
Your renown fill the sky  
We are here for You  
We are here for You  
Let Your Word move in power  
Let what's dead come to life  
We are here for You  
We are here for You

Bridge

We welcome You with praise  
We welcome You with praise  
Almighty God of love  
Be welcome in this place

(REPEAT)

Let ev'ry heart adore  
Let ev'ry soul awake  
Almighty God of love  
Be welcome in this place  
We welcome You with praise  
We welcome You with praise  
Almighty God of love  
Be welcome in this place

CCLI Song # 5925649

## Faithful To The End

### Verse 1

We're heaven-spun creations  
His pride and adoration  
Treasures woven by His love  
His careful hands they hold us  
Safe within His promise  
Of calling and of destiny

### Chorus

And I will sing of all You've done  
And I'll remember how far You've carried me  
From beginning until the end  
You are faithful faithful to the end

### Verse 2

A Father's heart that's for me  
A never ending story  
Of love that's always chasing me  
His kindness overwhelming  
And hope for me unending  
He's never given up on me

### Bridge

There wasn't a day that You weren't by my side  
There wasn't a day that You let me fall  
In all of my life Your love has been true  
With all of my life I will worship You

### Ending

I will worship You  
(REPEAT)

CCLI Song # 7054172

The Lord is full of Compassion and Mercy  
**O come, Let us adore him, Alleluia**

### PSALM 23 – together

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## THE COLLECT FOR TODAY - Lawrence

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

## TIME OF PRAYER

### HOMILY: Lawrence

Exodus 14: 10- 14 & 30,31

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. 11 They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” 13 And Moses said to the people, g“Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. 14 iThe LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.” Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

We know the story of the Crossing of the Red Sea:

- The plagues
- The Passover
- Toward the Promised Land – God turns them toward the desert and into the sea

### **The themes/messages of this story:**

- The people are helpless, thankless and grumpy
- God will rescue them but will do so in a way that accomplishes more than simply removal:
  - He will gain glory over the Egyptians
  - The Egyptians will no longer have any authority over God’s people – completely free
  - The Faith/belief of the people in God will increase

A good picture of the cross

- Our relationship with sin is one of enslavement. It is not a DIY project
- The work of the cross includes
  - Our rescue from enslavement
  - Our freedom
  - The crushing of our former master
  - A work only God can accomplish

A good picture for Covid-19

- God is our rescuer and deliverer
- He has turned us, what appears to be into the desert, for his glory
- We should expect and look for places of God’s intervention
- A time for faith to grow – for eyes to be opened to who God is – I am the LORD

WORSHIP – Brett

Stand In Your Love

Verse 1

When darkness tries to roll over my bones  
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own  
When brokenness and pain is all I know  
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Chorus

My fear doesn't stand a chance  
When I stand in Your love

Verse 2

Shame no longer has a place to hide  
I am not a captive to the lies  
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind  
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Bridge

There's power that can break off every chain  
There's power that can empty out a grave  
There's resurrection power that can save  
There's power in Your name power in Your name

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A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**