

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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10:30 am

Called Christian – The Church in Antioch Grows

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AS WE GATHER

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Acts 9:19b–31; 11:19–30. Following his conversion, Saul (also called Paul) is introduced by Barnabas to the apostles in Jerusalem. The Church had spread to Antioch, so the leaders in Jerusalem send Barnabas there. He exhorts the people to remain faithful, and he brings Saul from Tarsus to help him minister among the people in Antioch for a whole year. The name Christian is first used for the believers in Antioch. The Church in Antioch sends relief to the believers in Judea.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: I Believe
Chris Davenport, Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham
CCLI Song #7218424

Verse 1

I believe there is one salvation
One doorway that leads to life
One redemption One confession
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

I believe in the crucifixion
By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection
Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

Chorus

All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

Verse 3

I believe in the hope of heaven
He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine
Ears have heard or eyes have seen

Verse 4

I believe that day is coming
He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

Chorus

All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us then come before God and each other and confess our sins and ask for forgiveness.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained Servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAISE SONG: Living Hope Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame

The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared
The grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God and Father, by Your creative hand You formed us in the womb and knew us. Breathe the life-giving breath of Your Holy Spirit upon us that we might be filled with a true knowledge of You through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill us with Your mercy and grace that Your Word might abound in our hearts, in our minds, and in all of our doings. We pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

Children's Bible Reading: Page 378

READING OF THE DAY: Acts 9:19b-31; 11:19-30

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?" Yet

Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah. After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him. When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews. Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So, for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. During this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) The disciples, as each one was able, decided to provide help for the brothers and sisters living in Judea. This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

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I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING SONG: "Amazing Grace" Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

'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 reigns Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

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

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me

Chorus

And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

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My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 4

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: "There Is One Gospel" Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson

Verse 1

There is one Gospel on which I stand For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan The Son has rescued me

Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

There is one Gospel to which I cling All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet He saved me on the cross

No more I boast in what I can bring No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 3

There is one Gospel where hope is found The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Savior down He lives and I am free

Now on my Savior I fix my eyes My life is His and His hope is mine
For He has promised I too will rise I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Verse 4

And in this Gospel the church is one We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on To lead us safely home

And when in glory still I will sing Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Ending

And when in glory still I will sing Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise to my Savior the King of life I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

CCLI Song # 7199817

COMMUNION SONG: The Lord Is My Salvation Jonas Myrin | Keith Getty |
Kristyn Getty | Nathan Nockels

Verse 1

The grace of God has reached for me And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground The Lord is my Salvation

Verse 2

I will not fear when darkness falls His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun The Lord is my Salvation

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won The Lord is my Salvation

Verse 3

My hope is hidden in the Lord He flow'rs each promise of His Word
 When winter fades I know spring will come The Lord is my Salvation

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God Strong to save, faithful in love
 My debt is paid and the victory won The Lord is my Salvation

Bridge

Glory be to God the Father Glory be to God the Son
 Glory be to God the Spirit The Lord is my Salvation

Bridge

Glory be to God the Father Glory be to God the Son
 Glory be to God the Spirit The Lord is my Salvation

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God Strong to save, faithful in love
 My debt is paid and the victory won The Lord is my Salvation

Ending

The Lord is my Salvation The Lord is my Salvation

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DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS and PRAYER**BENEDICTION****CLOSING SONG:** Lead On Good Shepherd

Frankie Orella, Patrick Mayberry, Paul Duncan

CCLI Song #7209206

Verse 1

Well, I've been turned 'round
 but I've never been lost
 Seen the water get troubled
 But we walked across
 When my knees were shaking
 You held my hand
 Turning my problems
 to a promised land

Chorus

Lead on Good Shepherd
 I'll follow all my days
 there is nothing sweeter
 than to watch You make a way
 You've walked me through the valley
 but You never steered me wrong
 So, lead on Good Shepherd
 lead on

Verse 2

Seen some mighty deep canyons
 that You brought me through
 Seen some mighty big mountains
 that just up and moved
 Glory, glory hallelujah
 Yeah, that's my song
 Walking with my Father
 into the great unknown

Bridge

Step by step day by day
 lead me on Lord I pray
 Road gets dark walk by faith
 Lead on Good Shepherd (*repeat*)

Chorus**Bridge****Ending**

Lead on Good Shepherd
 lead on Good Shepherd
 Lead on Good Shepherd Lead on

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!