

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
**A Jail Bail – Peter Escapes Prison**  
**February 16, 2025 – 10:30 am**

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**AS WE GATHER**

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Acts 12:1-25. King Herod launches attacks on the Church, killing James, the brother of John. When Herod sees how much this pleases the Jews, he has Peter imprisoned. Peter is guarded by four squads of soldiers as the Church prays for him. That night, an angel appears and leads Peter past the guards and out of prison. Peter knocks at the gate of the house where the others are gathered in prayer. A servant girl, Rhoda, answers. She is so excited that she runs to tell the others, leaving Peter to continue knocking. An angel of the Lord strikes Herod down for his pride.

**OPENING PRAISE SONG:** Every Giant Will Fall © Rend Collective

Verse 1

I can see the promised land Though there's pain within the plan  
There is victory in the end Your love is my battle cry

Verse 2

When my fears like Jericho Build their walls around my soul  
When my heart is overthrown Your love is my battle cry  
The anthem for all my life

Chorus

Every giant will fall the mountains will move  
Every chain of the past You've broken in two  
Over fear over lies we're singing the truth  
That nothing is impossible with You

Verse 3

There is hope within the fight In the wars that wage inside  
Though the shadows steal the light Your love is my battle cry  
The anthem for all my life

Chorus

Every giant will fall the mountains will move  
Every chain of the past You've broken in two  
Over fear over lies we're singing the truth  
That nothing is impossible (with You)  
(Repeat Chorus)

Bridge

No greater name No higher name  
No stronger name Than Jesus  
You overcame Broke every chain  
Forever reign King Jesus  
(Repeat Bridge)

Chorus

Every giant will fall the mountains will move  
Every chain of the past You've broken in two  
Over fear over lies we're singing the truth  
That nothing is impossible (with You)  
(Repeat Chorus)

**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.**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Sin has separated every person from God. Our hearts are dark with sin. Each person needs the light of Jesus' love and forgiveness in their hearts. Let us confess our sins before Jesus, our Savior, the Light of the world.

**People: Lord God, we confess that we are sinners. Our hearts are dark and we are separated from You. We make mistakes. We hurt those we love. We have failed to live in a way that reflects Your light in the world. For the sake of Your Son,**

**Jesus Christ, forgive us. Strengthen and transform us by Your Holy Spirit, so that we may reflect the light of Jesus to others.**

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:** “Christ is Risen” © Matt Maher

**Verse 1**

Let no one caught in sin remain Inside the lie of inward shame  
We fix our eyes upon the cross And run to Him Who showed great love  
And bled for us Freely You've bled for us

**Chorus**

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave

**Verse 2**

Beneath the weight of all our sin You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign Forever let Your church proclaim

**Chorus**

Christ is risen from the dead Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead We are one with Him again  
Come awake, come awake Come and rise up from the grave

**Bridge**

O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light The glory of God has defeated the night  
O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light Our God is not dead, He's alive! He's alive!

**Chorus**

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**Chorus**

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**TIME IN THE WORD**

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**Reading of the Day:** Acts 12:1-15

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So, Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. “Quick, get up!” he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists. Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,” the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.” When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary, the

mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel."

Here ends the Reading.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **MESSAGE**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **OFFERING | TREASURE BOX**

**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  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
Unending love amazing grace

**Chorus**

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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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** God So Loved A Bergthold | E Cash | F Cash | M Cash | S Cash

**Verse 1**

Come all you weary Come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water Come and thirst no more

**Verse 2**

Come all you sinners Come find His mercy  
Come to the table He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for

**Chorus 1**

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

**Verse 3**

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there With open arms

**Chorus 2**

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the world

**Bridge**

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

**Bridge**

Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

**Chorus 3**

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save

**Chorus 2**

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated

Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the world

**Ending**

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Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world

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