

# **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 30, 2025**

**10:30 am**

**All Overboard – Paul is Shipwrecked**

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## **AS WE GATHER**

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Acts 27:9–44. After appealing his right as a Roman citizen, Paul sets sail for Rome under guard of Julius, a centurion. They try to sail along the coast of Crete, but a fierce storm batters the ship for two weeks, pushing them out to sea. An angel tells Paul the ship will be lost but all aboard will survive. Paul encourages everyone to take heart and have some food. Then the crew cuts the anchors loose, and the ship heads toward a beach, where it strikes a reef. All 276 aboard arrive safely ashore.

**OPENING PRAISE 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

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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**

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting God so loved the world

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## **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 confess our sins before God and one another.

Pastor: We come humbly before You, O Lord, recognizing that we have not always responded to Your grace in faithfulness and obedience. Often we feel we deserve more or better, forgetting and rejecting Your Word and Your works of salvation.

**People: At times, we are lured by the world's deceptions, consumed by greed, passion, and desire. We fail to be thoroughly grounded in Your Word. Forgive us, dear Lord, for rejoicing in the temporal treasures on earth instead of the eternal treasures of heaven.**

Pastor: We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

**People: Forgive my impatience and my neglect. By Your Spirit, lead me to greater faith, obedience, service, and repentance until Your call to eternal glory comes. 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:** "Oh My Strength" © Jacob Daniel

### Verse 1

Oh my strength, come quickly now Be not far from where I am  
There is no one here to help me Lord Lonely footprints in the sand

### Verse 2

Oh my strength, come quickly now For my voice has words to say  
How can You even hear me Lord When I cannot speak Your name?

### Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son  
I am loved by an everlasting love

### Verse 3

Oh my strength, come quickly now Bring my focus back to You  
Help to dim other desires Lord And my life be Your love's proof

### Verse 4

Oh my strength, come quickly now It gets harder every day  
Please hands hold back my enemies So my weakened voice can say

### Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son  
I am loved by an everlasting love

### Bridge

Oh be present in my thoughts Oh be present in my words  
Oh be present in my heart Oh God  
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Oh be present in my heart Oh God

### Chorus

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Father, Spirit, Son  
I am loved by an everlasting love  
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## PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: Father, You sent Your Son that we might be blessed with salvation from our sin. We thank You and praise You for this gift of grace. Now may we live sent as well, blessed with Your Holy Spirit and directed to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission. Whether here at home or to the ends of the earth, and everywhere in between, help us to go in faith, with boldness, and with purpose to make Jesus known and to make disciples to His glory. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## TIME IN THE WORD

READING OF THE DAY: Acts 27:9-44

Much time had been lost, and sailing had already become dangerous because by now it was after the Day of Atonement. So, Paul warned them, "Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also." But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship. Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there. This was a harbor in Crete, facing both southwest and northwest. When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so, they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so, we gave way to it and were driven along. As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' So, keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island." On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when at about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep. Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight. In

an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow. Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved." So, the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it drift away. Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. "For the last fourteen days," he said, "you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven't eaten anything. Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head." After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves. Altogether there were 276 of us on board. When they had eaten as much as they wanted, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea. When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf. The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN'S 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:** “Battle Belongs” Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

### **Verse 1**

When all I see is the battle You see my victory  
When all I see is a mountain You see a mountain moved  
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me  
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You

### **Chorus**

So, when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high  
O God, the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet  
I'll sing through the night O God, the battle belongs to You

### **Verse 2**

And if You are for me Who can be against me?  
For Jesus there's nothing Impossible for You  
When all I see are the ashes You see the beauty  
When all I see is a cross God You see the empty tomb

### **Chorus**

So, when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high  
O God, the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet  
I'll sing through the night O God, the battle belongs to You

### **Bridge**

Almighty Fortress You go before us  
Nothing can stand against The power of our God  
You shine in the shadows You win every battle  
Nothing can stand against The power of our God

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Nothing can stand against The power of our God  
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### **Chorus**

So, when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high  
O God, the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet  
I'll sing through the night O God, the battle belongs to You

### **Tag**

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## **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:** “Give Me Jesus” © Jeremy Camp

### **Verse 1**

In the morning, when I rise In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise Just give me Jesus

### **Chorus**

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus,  
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus.

### **Verse 2**

When I am alone, Oh when I am alone,  
Oh when I am alone, Just give me Jesus.

**Chorus**

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus,  
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus.

**Verse 3**

When I come to die, Oh when I come to die,  
Oh when I come to die, Just give me Jesus.

**End Chorus**

Give me Jesus Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world, You can have all this world,  
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus.

**COMMUNION SONG:** “Jesus, Firm Foundation”**Verse 1**

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

**Verse 2**

Fear not, He is with us, oh be not dismayed  
For He is our God, our Sustainer and Strength  
He'll be our Defender and cause us to stand  
Upheld by His merciful, almighty hand

**Chorus**

How firm, our foundation How sure, our salvation  
And we will not be shaken Jesus, firm foundation

**Verse 3**

The soul that is trusting in Jesus as Lord  
Will press on enduring the darkest of storm  
And though even hell should endeavor to shake  
He'll never, no never, no never forsake

**Chorus**

How firm, our foundation How sure, our salvation  
And we will not be shaken Jesus, firm foundation

**Bridge**

Age to age He stands Faithful to the end  
All may fade away But He will remain He will remain!

**End Chorus**

How firm, our foundation How sure, our salvation  
And we will not be shaken Jesus, firm foundation.  
Jesus, firm foundation Jesus, firm foundation

**DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS and PRAYER****BENEDICTION****CLOSING SONG:** “My Lighthouse” © Rend Collective**Verse 1**

In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Verse 2**

In the silence, You won't let go In the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Chorus**

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore

**Verse 3**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Chorus**

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You  
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,  
You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore

**Bridge**

Fire before us, You're the brightest You will lead us through the storms

(Repeat 3 times)

**Chorus**

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness, I will follow You

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse I will trust the promise,

You will carry me safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)

Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh) Safe to shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)

Safe to shore

**SEND OFF**

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

**All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!**