

FOURTH SUNDAY in EASTER
The Chosen King – Saul Becomes King
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AS WE GATHER

Our Bible Reading of the Day is 1 Samuel 8:4–9:2; 10:17–27; 11:12–15. Desiring to be like all the other nations, the elders come to Samuel asking him to appoint a king over Israel. Samuel vainly tries to warn against their plan, telling the consequences the people face. God reveals to Samuel that he will encounter the handsome Saul, whom he anoints as king over Israel. God expected His people to trust Him as their true leader. In Christ, we not only have our divine true leader, we also have the true King, who has conquered the powers of sin, death, and hell for us.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: “This Is Amazing Grace” Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle

Verse 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love
That You would take my place That You would bear my cross
You lay down Your life That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for All that You've done for me

Verse 2

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love
That You would take my place That You would bear my cross
You lay down Your life That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for All that You've done for me

Bridge

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy
This is amazing grace

Chorus

This is unfailing love That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You lay down Your life That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for All that You've done for me

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.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

People: we confess that our faith wavers at times. We allow things of this world to produce uncertainty and fear within us. Although we believe in Your victory at the end of time, we fail to trust You to protect us and relieve our anxieties each day. Forgive us, strengthen our faith in Your almighty power and unconditional love, and turn us again toward Your will. Grant us to serve You in peace and joy. Amen.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Father and the Holy Spirit is Lord over all, who rules in power over temporal and eternal powers. Yet He came to earth as one of us, lived under earthly authorities, died to pay for all our sins, and rose victorious. 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: Amen. Thanks be to God.

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

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
(Repeat Chorus)

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: O God, the Protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy: Multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

Children's Bible Reading: Page 156

Reading of the Day: 1 Samuel 8:4–9:2; 10:17–27; 11:12–15

So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.”

But when they said, “Give us a king to lead us,” this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”

Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.”

When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the Lord. The Lord answered, “Listen to them and give them a king.” Then Samuel said to the Israelites, “Everyone go back to your own town.”

There was a Benjamite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bekorath, the son of Aphiah of Benjamin. Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else.

Samuel summoned the people of Israel to the Lord at Mizpah and said to them, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I brought Israel up out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the power of Egypt and all the kingdoms that oppressed you.’ But you have now rejected your God, who saves you out of all your disasters and calamities. And you have said, ‘No, appoint a king over us.’ So now present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and clans.”

When Samuel had all Israel come forward by tribes, the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. Then he brought forward the tribe of Benjamin, clan by clan, and Matri’s clan was taken. Finally Saul son of Kish was taken. But when they looked for him, he was not to be found. So they inquired further of the Lord, “Has the man come here yet?” And the Lord said, “Yes, he has hidden himself among the supplies.”

They ran and brought him out, and as he stood among the people he was a head taller than any of the others. Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see the man the Lord has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people.” Then the people shouted, “Long live the king!”

Samuel explained to the people the rights and duties of kingship. He wrote them down on a scroll and deposited it before the Lord. Then Samuel dismissed the people to go to their own homes.

Saul also went to his home in Gibeah, accompanied by valiant men whose hearts God had touched. But some scoundrels said, “How can this fellow save us?” They despised him and brought him no gifts. But Saul kept silent.

The people then said to Samuel, “Who was it that asked, ‘Shall Saul reign over us?’ Turn these men over to us so that we may put them to death.” But Saul said, “No one will be put to death today, for this day the Lord has rescued Israel.”

Then Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal and made Saul king in the presence of the Lord. There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the Lord, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration.

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 and TREASURE BOX

OFFERING PRAISE SONG: "King of Kings" B Ligertwood | J Ingram | S Ligertwood

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in One
God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus, for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in One
God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father Praise the Son Praise the Spirit three in One
God of Glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of kings
Praise forever to the King of Kings

CCLI Song # 712764

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

COMMUNION SONG: “He Is” David Crowder | Hank Bentley | Jeff Pardo

Verse 1

If you're troubled Heavy hearted
Come to Jesus and find your peace
If you're run down Empty handed
Come to Jesus and find your strength He is

Chorus

Hope for the hopeless Rest for the weary Help for the hurting
He is, He is Mending the broken Bearing the burdens
All that you're needing He is

Verse 2

If you're wandering In the darkness
Come to Jesus and find your way
If you want freedom Need forgiveness
Just come to Jesus and find His grace He is

Chorus

Hope for the hopeless Rest for the weary Help for the hurting
He is, He is Mending the broken Bearing the burdens
All that you're needing He is

Bridge

Comforter, Counselor, Prince of Peace Author and Maker of everything
Defender, Deliverer, King of kings He is, He is

Helper and Healer forevermore Savior and Shelter through every storm
My Refuge, Redeemer and Lord of Lords He is, He is

Child of Heaven and Son of Man Provider, Protector, the great I AM
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End He Is, He Is

Chorus

Hope for the hopeless Rest for the weary Help for the hurting
He is, He is Mending the broken Bearing the burdens
All that you're needing He is All that you're needing He is

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COMMUNION SONG: “Holy Forever”

Brian Johnson, Chris Davenport, Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson, Phil Wickham

Verse 1

A thousand generations falling down in worship
to sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Pre-Chorus

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

Verse 2

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy Holy forever

Pre Chorus

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

Pre Chorus

(Jesus) Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions Your name stands above them all

Chorus 1

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

Chorus 2

Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy Holy forever

Ending

You will always be Holy Holy forever

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DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS and PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “The Lord’s Prayer” Bryan Fowler | Jacob Sooter | Matt Maher

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Bridge

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours The kingdom the power
The glory are Yours It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours
Forever and ever The kingdom is Yours

Bridge

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours The kingdom the power
The glory are Yours It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours
Forever and ever The kingdom is Yours

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Ending

On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

CCLI Song # 7200544

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!