



But we have this treasure in jars of clay,  
to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.  
We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed;  
perplexed, but not driven to despair;  
persecuted, but not forsaken;  
struck down, but not destroyed;  
always carrying in the body the death of Jesus,  
so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.  
For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake,  
so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.  
So death is at work in us, but life in you.....

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,  
for my power is made perfect in weakness."  
Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,  
so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.  
For the sake of Christ, then, I am content  
with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.

For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The Apostle Paul,  
2 Corinthians 4 & 12

# The Lord's Day — April 19, 2020 A.D.

## Song of Assembly

## Through the Precious Blood

You have ordained every breath we take, in pleasure or pain, there is no mistake  
Gladness and grief, both are in Your hands, and sufferings brief carry out Your plan  
And our fleeting sorrows, will yield an endless prize, When some bright tomorrow, we'll see You with our eyes, and

*Grace upon grace flows down, flows down, And Grace upon grace flows down, flows down,  
Through the precious blood of Christ*

Father of lights, Giver of all grace, Your mercies crown our lives all our days  
River of Life, quench our thirsty souls, for no true delight does Your love withhold  
And in every season, we are satisfied, For just one reason, Christ was crucified, and

All good gifts, every good thing, comes to us freely, so freely,  
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Through the precious blood, Through the precious blood

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

from Matthew 28; Psalm 86 & 95

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come and see!".... All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.... Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

### Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 41

### Hymn of Praise

### Thine Be the Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son: Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life; Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conqu'rors, thro' Thy deathless love; Bring us safe thro' Jordan to Thy home above.

### Reading of the Word: *if Paul must boast...*

2 Corinthians 11:19-33

For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often

without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **Confession of Sin**

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death and gave us hope beyond the grave. We confess that we have often failed to live in a way that is consistent with our resurrection hope. We have lacked the joy of the resurrection and been caught up in the worries of this world. We have remained captive to doubt and fear, instead of walking in newness of life. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!**

### **Hear the Good News!**

**Romans 8:31-34**

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

### **Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

#### **Blessed Be Your Name**

**Redman**

Blessed Be Your Name in the land that is plentiful; Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise; When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name; Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.  
Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me; When the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering; Though there's pain in the offering; blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name; Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name  
You give and take away, You give and take away; My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

#### **The Lord Is My Salvation**

**Getty**

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  
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  
*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won, The Lord is my salvation*

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  
In times of waiting, times of need, When I know loss, when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days, The Lord is my salvation  
And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise, He will call me home, The Lord is my salvation  
Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

### **Above All**

**LeBlanc**

Above all powers, above all kings, Above all nature and all created things;  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.  
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, Above all wonders the world has ever known;  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, There's no way to measure what You're worth.  
*Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone;  
Like a rose trampled on the ground, You took the fall, were glorified above all*

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

**Elder Jeff Keith**

### **Sermon**

**Series: Be Strong In The Lord** (Ephesians 6:10)  
**IV. Paul's "Triumphal Procession"... and ours**  
**2 Corinthians 2:12-17** (page 965)

**Pastor Tommy Lee**

### **We Respond**

#### **God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

**Rankin**

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.  
God be with you till we meet again; 'neath his wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.  
God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put his loving arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.  
God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threat'ning wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

### **Benediction**

**from 2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

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