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PENTECOST 21
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GATHERING

Let It Rise

Verse

**Let the glory of the Lord rise among us (x2)
Let the praises of the King rise among us
Let it rise**

**Let the songs of the Lord rise among us (x2)
Let the joy of the King rise among us Let it rise**

Chorus

Oh let it rise Oh let it rise

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How Great Is Our God

Verse 1

**The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice**

Chorus

How great is our God Sing with me

WELCOME - ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the ✝ holy Trinity, the One who fashions us, the One who heals us, the One God who reforms us again and again.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

☞ Source of all life,

☞ **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

☞ God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✝ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

☞ **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

How He Loves

Verse 1

**He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane
I am a tree bending beneath
The weight of His wind and mercy
When all of a sudden I am unaware of
These afflictions eclipsed by glory
I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me
Oh how He loves us so Oh how He loves us How He loves us so
(REPEAT)**

Chorus

**He loves us Oh how He loves us
Oh how He loves us Oh how He loves**

Verse 2

Fat Camels and Narrow Needles: Only Possible for God

A rich man approaches Jesus and asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell what he owns, give the money to the poor, and follow. Jesus will accept nothing less than our very selves. Like the rich man, we too are left defenseless and grieving by Jesus' radical call to leave behind and give away what we count on for our own security. He wants us, and therefore also wants the things that keep us from him; he gazes upon us in love, even as he calls us to leave behind our false sources of security. How hard it is for us camels to pass through the eye of the needle! We too grieve at the impossibility. It is in fact impossible for us, yet more than possible for God to make it so. For we have a "great high priest who has passed through the heavens, the Son of God," who is both able to sympathize with our great weakness but also to provide mercy and help. While eternal life on the other side of the needle is a free gift that only God can give, it is a gift that claims the entirety of our lives and therefore reshapes our stewardship of whatever earthly goods we do have. For first and foremost we are called to follow the Christ who gazes upon us in love. Since we are his, following him we will enter through the eye of the needle, leaving behind what cannot fit through with us. In doing so we are promised that we will gain everything: a hundredfold more in this life in a new community under the Cross, "and in the age to come eternal life" (Mark 10:30).

**We are His portion and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes
If grace is an ocean we're all sinking
So Heaven meets earth
Like an unforeseen kiss
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think about the way that**

Chorus

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
P Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have

said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

📖 The Word of the Lord! 🙏 Thanks be to God!

PSALM 90:12-17 (*read responsively*)

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**
¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**
¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.
¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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THE ALLELUIA VERSE

**Halle Halle la la la
Halle Halle la la la
Halle Halle la la lelujah
(Repeat)**

Build Your Kingdom Here

Verse 1

**Come set Your rule and reign In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us**

Verse 2

**We seek Your kingdom first We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church We pray revive this earth**

Chorus 1

**Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here we pray**

Verse 3

**Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church We are the hope on earth**

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Verse 1

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness
And all these things Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia**

Verse 2

**Ask and it shall be given unto you Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be Opened unto you
Allelu alleluia**

Verse 3

**Man shall not live by bread alone But by ev'ry word that proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia**

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THE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy and compassionate God,

G in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might
speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen

BENEDICTION

P God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

G Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

G We Will! Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

P The Gospel according to Mark the 10th Chapter **G** Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P The Gospel of the Lord. **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Layne Nelson

Take My Life and Let It Be

Verse 1

**Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love
At the im-pulse of Thy love**

Verse 2

**Take my feet and let them be, swift and beautiful for Thee
Take my voice and let me sing, always, only, for my King
Al-ways, on-ly, for my King**

Verse 3

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise**

Verse 4

**Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne
It shall be Thy royal throne**

NINTH GRADE FAITH STATEMENTS

Briten Barber

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**)

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE

THE OFFERING

We give with joy in our hearts, we give and sing joyfully. We give because we know the amazing ways God works through our congregation to make a difference in the community and around the world. Simply scan this QR code to give online.



OFFERTORY

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Give It All Away

All of my plans all of my dreams, I lay them down before Your feet
All of my time all that was mine, I now submit to Your design
'Cause You are the One Who can make my life complete
You are the One Who can give light to my feet
You are the One and only One Who dared to give it all away for me
You dared to give it all away for me

THE OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God,
C maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
C **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Supper. Please fill out a registration card and hand it to the usher.
We will gladly commune anyone in their seat if they are unable to come forward for communion.
Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.*

Seek Ye First