



for I will  
*forgive their iniquity,*  
and I will  
remember their sin  
*no more*

Jeremiah 31:34

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 21, 2021  
10:30 a.m.**

## **We Gather**

The Israelites repeatedly had broken the covenants God made with them, and yet in today's Old Testament Reading He promises a new covenant. This one, however, will not be based on the external Law of God; by pure grace, it will be written on the hearts of God's people. To do that, God sent His Son, who paid for all sin by offering Himself as both priest and sacrifice. Although we are all imperfect, knowing that we have been forgiven only by the grace of God, we have the desire to love one another. As we recall our Lord's Passion in the coming weeks, we will recognize that love means forgiving, giving oneself for others. Jesus puts it bluntly in the Gospel: The greatest in the kingdom of God is the one who serves all the others. And, of course, the greatest is our Lord Jesus, who loves us to death.

## ***The Father's House*** by Ben Hastings, Cory Asbury, Ethan Hulse

**Sometimes on this journey  
I get lost in my mistakes  
What looks to me like weakness  
Is a canvas for Your strength  
My story isn't over my story's just begun  
Failure won't define me  
'Cause that's what my Father does  
Failure won't define me  
'Cause that's what my Father does**

**Chorus  
Oo lay your burdens down  
Oo here in the Father's house  
Check your shame at the door  
'Cause it ain't welcome anymore  
Oo you're in the Father's house**

**Arrival's not the endgame  
The journey's where You are  
You never wanted perfect  
You just wanted my heart  
And the story isn't over  
If the story isn't good  
Failure's never final  
When the Father's in the room  
Failure's never final  
When the Father's in the room      Chorus**

### **Bridge**

**Prodigals come home the helpless find hope  
Love is on the move  
When the Father's in the room  
Prison doors fling wide the dead come to life  
Love is on the move  
When the Father's in the room  
Miracles take place the cynical find faith  
Love is breaking through  
When the Father's in the room  
Jericho walls are quaking  
Strongholds now are shaking  
Love is breaking through  
When the Father's in the room  
Love is breaking through  
When the Father's in the room      Chorus**

## **Welcome**

## **Invocation**

### **Opening Sentences**

*Ps. 43:1: Ps. 116:1-5, 8*

**Pastor:** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

**People:** **I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

**Pastor:** Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**People:** **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid  
hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

**Pastor:** Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

**People:** **Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.**

**Pastor:** For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

## ***Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)*** by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Scott Cash

**You hear me when I call. You are my morning song.  
Though darkness fills the night, it cannot hide the light.  
Whom shall I fear?  
You crush the enemy underneath my feet.  
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still.  
Whom shall I fear?**

**Chorus:**

**I know Who goes before me, I know Who stands behind:  
The God of angel armies is always by my side!  
The One Who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side!**

**My strength is in Your name, for you alone can save.  
You will deliver me. Yours is the victory.  
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? (Chorus)**

**And nothing formed against me shall stand!  
You hold the whole world in Your hands.  
I'm holding on to Your promises:  
You are faithful, You are faithful. (Repeat)  
You are faithful. (Chorus)**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

**Pastor:** Since we are assembled here to hear the Word of God and to call upon Him in prayer, it is good that we reflect upon our unworthiness, confessing before God our sins of thought, word, and deed, and our helplessness to free ourselves from our sinful nature. It is also good that we remember who we are as the baptized children of God, to whom the Lord has shown His mercy, cleansed from all our sin, and declared righteous in Christ our Lord. We come here today to lay claim again to the grace in which we are forgiven, and, for the sake of Christ, to be restored by His mercy to serve Him and walk in His ways.

*(Silence for meditation and reflection)*

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sins.

**People:** **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

# **Words of Forgiveness**

## ***At the Foot of the Cross***      by Kathryn Scott

**At the foot of the cross Where grace and suff'ring meet  
You have shown me Your love Through the judgment You received  
And You've won my heart And You've won my heart**

### **Chorus**

**Now I can trade these ashes in for beauty  
And wear forgiveness like a crown  
Coming to kiss the feet of Mercy  
I lay ev'ry burden down At the foot of the cross**

**At the foot of the cross Where I am made complete  
You have given me life Through the death You bore for me  
And You've won my heart And You've won my heart**

### **Chorus**

**Now I can trade these ashes in for beauty  
And wear forgiveness like a crown  
Coming to kiss the feet of Mercy  
I lay ev'ry burden down At the foot of the cross**

**Trade these ashes in for beauty  
And wear forgiveness like a crown  
Coming to kiss the feet of Mercy  
I lay ev'ry burden down At the foot of the cross**

### **(Interlude)**

**And You've won my heart  
And You've won my heart**

**Now I can trade these ashes in for beauty  
And wear forgiveness like a crown  
Coming to kiss the feet of Mercy  
I lay ev'ry burden down (Repeat)**

**I lay ev'ry burden down I lay ev'ry burden down  
At the foot of the cross ah ah At the foot of the cross ah ah  
At the foot of the cross ah ah At the foot of the cross**

## Old Testament

## *Jeremiah 31:31–34*

<sup>31</sup>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

## Epistle

## *Hebrews 5:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## **The Apostles' Creed**

### ***At The Cross (Love Ran Red)***

by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin,  
Matt Armstrong, Matt Redman

**There's a place Where mercy reigns and never dies  
There's a place Where streams of grace flow deep and wide  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down**

**At the cross at the cross I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You (Jesus)**

## Bridge

# Sermon

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## **Only Jesus**

by Bernie Herms, Mark Hall, Matthew West

**Make it count leave a mark build a name for yourself  
Dream your dreams chase your heart above all else  
Make a name the world remembers  
But all an empty world can sell is empty dreams  
I got lost in the light when it was up to me  
To make a name the world remembers  
But Jesus is the only name to remember**

### **Chorus**

**And I I don't want to leave a legacy  
I don't care if they remember me  
Only Jesus  
And I I've only got one life to live  
I'll let every second point to Him  
Only Jesus**

**All the kingdoms built all the trophies won  
Will crumble into dust when it's said and done  
Cause all that really matters  
Did I live the truth to the ones I love  
Was my life the proof that there is only One  
Whose name will last forever      Chorus**

### **Bridge**

**Jesus is the only name  
Jesus is the only name  
Jesus is the only name to remember (Repeat)      Chorus**

### **Ending**

**I I don't want to leave a legacy  
I don't care if they remember me  
Only Jesus**

## **Lift Our Hearts in Prayer**

**Pastor:** Lord, in your mercy:  
**People:** Hear our prayer.

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **The Blessing**

**Freedom** by Brett Younker, Hank Bentley, Kristian Stanfill, Mia Fieldes

**Step out of the shadows  
Step out of the grave  
Break into the wild  
And don't be afraid**

**Pre-Chorus  
Run into wide open spaces  
Grace is waiting for you  
Dance like the weight has been lifted  
Grace is waiting**

**Chorus  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom  
There is freedom  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom  
There is freedom  
Come out of the dark just as you are  
Into the fullness of His love  
For the Spirit is here let there be freedom  
Let there be freedom**

**Bring all of your burdens  
Bring all of your scars  
Come back to communion  
Come back to the start** Chorus

**Bridge  
Chains will fall prisons shake  
At the sound of Jesus' name  
Lives made whole hearts awake  
At the sound of Jesus' name** Repeat

**Chorus**

**Pre-Chorus  
Dance like the weight has been lifted  
Grace is waiting** Repeat 4x Chorus

**Let there be freedom  
Let there be freedom**

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Pastor Brian E. Downs, Presiding Pastor  
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