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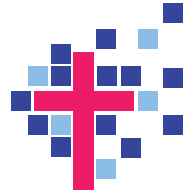
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Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.



GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Dave Thomas

AN OPENING LITANY AND PRAYER FOR WORSHIP IN OUR HOMES

based on 2 Samuel 7 and Proverbs 24

Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your word is trustworthy, and you have promised good things to your servant.

Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight.

For you, Sovereign LORD, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever.

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established;
Through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.

Let us pray: Bless our homes, that they may be places where your wisdom, understanding, and knowledge are spoken of openly and often, and your name is lifted up in praise. We praise you now, as we join our family of faith in worship from our homes. You are our trusted Lord and our treasure. In your name we pray. Amen.

OPENING SONG
Famous One

Chorus



You _____ are the Lord, _____ the fa - mous One, fa - mous One;
 Great _____ is your name in all _____ the earth. The
 heav - ens de - clare _____ you're glo - ri - ous, _____ glo - ri - ous; _____
 Great _____ is your fame be - yond _____ the earth.

Verse



1. And for all _____ you've done _____ and yet to do, _____
 2. The Morn - ing Star _____ is shin - ing through,
 with ev - 'ry breath _____ I'm prais - ing you.
 and ev - 'ry eye _____ is watch - ing you.
 De - sire _____ of na - tions and ev - 'ry heart,
 Re - vealed _____ by na - ture and mir - a - cles. _____
 you a - lone are God, _____ you a - lone are God. _____
 You are beau - ti - ful, _____ you are beau - ti - ful. _____

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GOD IS IN THIS PLACE



LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:1-7 (The Message)

L A reading from Ezekiel.

¹⁻⁷ God's Message to his anointed,
to Cyrus, whom he took by the hand
To give the task of taming the nations,
of terrifying their kings—
He gave him free rein,
no restrictions:
"I'll go ahead of you,
clearing and paving the road.
I'll break down bronze city gates,
smash padlocks, kick down barred entrances.
I'll lead you to buried treasures,
secret caches of valuables—
Confirmations that it is, in fact, I, God,
the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.
It's because of my dear servant Jacob,
Israel my chosen,
That I've singled you out, called you by name,
and given you this privileged work.
And you don't even know me!
I am God, the only God there is.
Besides me there are no real gods.
I'm the one who armed you for this work,
though you don't even know me,
So that everyone, from east to west, will know
that I have no god-rivals.
I am God, the only God there is.
I form light and create darkness,
I make harmonies and create discords.
I, God, do all these things.

L Word of God. Words of Life.

C Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalm 96:1-9 (The Message)

L From Psalm 96.

1-2 Sing God a brand-new song!

Earth and everyone in it, sing!

Sing to God—worship God!

2-3 Shout the news of his victory from sea to sea,

Take the news of his glory to the lost,

News of his wonders to one and all!

4-5 For God is great, and worth a thousand Hallelujahs.

His terrible beauty makes the gods look cheap;

Pagan gods are mere tatters and rags.

5-6 God made the heavens—

Royal splendor radiates from him,

A powerful beauty sets him apart.

7 Bravo, God, Bravo!

Everyone join in the great shout: Encore!

In awe before the beauty, in awe before the might.

8-9 Bring gifts and celebrate,

Bow before the beauty of God,

Then to your knees—everyone worship!

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SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (The Message)

L A reading from Romans.

I, Paul, together here with Silas and Timothy, send greetings to the church at Thessalonica, Christians assembled by God the Father and by the Master, Jesus Christ. God's amazing grace be with you! God's robust peace!

Convictions of Steel

²⁻⁵ Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our Master, Jesus Christ, before God our Father. It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions.

⁵⁻⁶ You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you, and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated the Master. Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit!—taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble.

⁷⁻¹⁰ Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore—you're the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

L Word of God. Words of Life.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God Speak



Word of God, speak. would you pour down like rain, wash-ing my eyes
 to see, your maj - es-ty, to be still and know that you're in this place?
 Please let me stay and rest in your ho - li-ness. Word of God, speak.
 li - ness. Word of God, speak.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22 (The Message)

P Hear the Good News, as recorded in St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

¹⁵⁻¹⁷ That's when the Pharisees plotted a way to trap him into saying something damaging. They sent their disciples, with a few of Herod's followers mixed in, to ask, "Teacher, we know you have integrity, teach the way of God accurately, are indifferent to popular opinion, and don't pander to your students. So tell us honestly: Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Jesus knew they were up to no good. He said, "Why are you playing these games with me? Why are you trying to trap me? Do you have a coin? Let me see it." They handed him a silver piece.

²⁰ "This engraving—who does it look like? And whose name is on it?"

²¹ They said, "Caesar."

"Then give Caesar what is his, and give God what is his."

²² The Pharisees were speechless. They went off shaking their heads.

P This is good news.

C Thanks be to God.

KIDS' TIME

Pastor Dave Thomas

They're Not All Presidents

MESSAGE

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What Are We Rendering?

SONG OF THE DAY

Our God



1. Wa - ter you turned in - to wine, — o - pened the eyes — of the blind;
 — there's no one like you, none like — you.

2. In - to the dark - ness you shine, — out of the ash - es, we rise;
 — there's no one like you, none like — you.

Chorus
 Our God is great - er, our God is strong - er; God, you are high - er than an - y oth - er.
 Our God is heal - er, awe - some in pow - er, our God, — Our God. —

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PROFESSING OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face graciously shine upon you.
The Lord's mercy and peace be yours,
This day and forever.
Amen.



CLOSING SONG

Our God Saves

In the name of the Fa - ther, in the name of the — Son, in the name of the
Spir - it, Lord, we — come; We're gath - ered to - geth - er to lift up
your name, to call on our Sav - ior, to fall on your — grace; Hear the
joy - ful — sound of our of - fer - ing as your saints bow down, as your
peo - ple — sing; We will rise with you, lift - ed on your wings, and the world will see that
— our God saves, our God saves; There is hope
in your name; Mourn - ing turns to songs of praise;
Our God saves, our God saves.

Words and Music: Paul Baloche and Brenton Brown

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SENT TO SERVE

P Jesus said, "As I have been sent, so also I send you."
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we are called to:

C **Worship God,**
Grow in Faith,
Share the Gospel,
Serve Others,
Welcome All. — Thanks be to God!