



LENT

BROOKHAVEN+PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

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let's glorify God.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart." -Ephesians 5:19

CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from North to South and East to West
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified

[CHORUS]

Oh! Christ be magnified
Let His praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
Oh! Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me

When every creature finds its inmost melody

And every human heart its native cry
Oh then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified
Oh be lifted high, Jesus

[REPEAT CHORUS]

[BRIDGE]

I won't bow to idols, I'll stand strong and worship You
And if it puts me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too
I won't be formed by feelings, I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation then I'll be crucified with You
'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life
And if I join You in Your suffering then I'll join You when You rise
And when You return in glory with all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing and my song will be the same

[REPEAT CHORUS]

CALL TO WORSHIP

[Romans 11:33-36]

*My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make
melody with all my being! 2 Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn! 3 I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.
4 For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. 5 Be exalted,
O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!*

BEHOLD

The empty filled, the wounded healed
The broken back together
The poor are blessed, the weary rest
We will dance forever

The blinded see, the chained are free
The doubtful now believer
The outcast known, the orphan home
You are my Redeemer

[CHORUS]

Behold, behold
Behold what love can do
Behold, behold
He's making all things new

The lost return, the voiceless heard
The mourner now rejoicing
The mountains shake, the world awake
Creation all composing

The sad untrue, the earth renewed
The song has found its singer
The darkness light, the dead alive
You are my Redeemer

[REPEAT CHORUS]

[BRIDGE]

We've been struck down, we're not destroyed
We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy
We've been struck down, we're not destroyed
We've sown in tears, we'll reap in joy
My eyes are open
Behold, behold

I AM HELD

[CHORUS]

I am held, I am held
I am held by the One who won't let go
I am held, I am held
I am held by the Lover of my soul

Made in Your image
Filled with Your breath inside my lungs
Crowned with Your blessing
You're proud of the work You've done

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Made for communion
I am the branch and You're the vine
My heart is a table
And You are the bread and wine

[REPEAT CHORUS]

[BRIDGE]

Caught in a love
And it won't let go
Caught in a love
And it frees my soul

SCRIPTURE READING

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4

[Psalm 1]

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers, **2** but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. **3** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. **4** The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. **5** Therefore the

wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinner in the congregation of the righteous; **6** for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" Mark 11:24

//LORD'S PRAYER//

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

MATTHEW 6:9-13

[Children of all ages are welcome in the service at all times. Anyone going to class may do so now.]

SERMON

"And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual." 1 Corinthians 2:13

[Mark 4:1-19; 26-29; 30-32]

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. **2** And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: **3** "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. **4** And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. **5** Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. **6** And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. **8** And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." **9** And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." **10** And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. **11** And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, **12** so that "they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand lest they should turn and be forgiven.'" **13** And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? **14** The sower sows the word. **15** And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. **16** And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. **17** And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. **18** And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, **19** but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

26 And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. **27** He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. **28** The earth produces

by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. **29** But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

30 And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? **31** It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, **32** yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

LORD’S SUPPER

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes” 1 Corinthians 11:26

For Christians, the Lord’s Supper is the most sacred thing we do all week. We believe as Presbyterians that though the bread and wine do not become the physical body and blood, nevertheless something mysterious and spiritual happens when we eat and drink by faith, so that we are spiritually nourished and our union with Christ and one another is signified and sealed. For that reason, anyone who is not a Christian and does not see this as sacramental may feel free to abstain, as we do not want to force you to do something with your body that is inconsistent with your heart. However, the Heidelberg Confession says that for those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, and yet trust that these are forgiven them, the Supper may help remind them that their weakness and sin is covered by the suffering and death of Christ.

If you think your child is ready to go through confirmation and receive communion, please contact Charity.

Prayer for those searching for Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my desires and needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism, and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit.

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

APOSTLE'S 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 into hell.
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.

COME THOU FOUNT

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be

Let that goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love

Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

BENEDICTION

[Psalm 121:5 - 8]

“The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.”

in the know.

LUNCH AFTER CHURCH Join us today for lunch at Moe's (Town Brookhaven) after the service! Aaron and Traci Shoemaker will be hosting and plan to meet up at Moe's on the last Sunday of each month moving forward. As a bonus: kids eat free on Sundays!

EASTER AND HOLY WEEK will be here in a few weeks! Immediately following the service on Easter Sunday, we will have our annual brunch. Please plan to join us! Also, we will have Family Ministry classes for ages 4 and under. Please RSVP by going here if you plan for your child to go to class.

For Holy Week, we will have a Maundy Thursday (4/6) service at 6:00 and a Good Friday (4/7) service at 5:00.

ALL ABOUT CONFIRMATION Parent Info Session: Parents of children of all ages are encouraged to attend this "All About Confirmation" Parent Info Session! This session led by Charity Riley, is designed to provide you with an overview of the confirmation process at BPC and what it entails. There will be an opportunity during this session to ask any questions you might have pertaining to confirmation.

Date: Sunday, April 23, 9 - 10 am

Place: BPC

If you plan to attend, please fill out this form: (<https://forms.gle/64XDQc3eWL5NAe8n7>). The childcare link is also in the sign up.

SPRING LADIES' DINNERS: Spring Ladies's Dinners are back! The purpose of these dinners are for you to get to know other ladies in the church that you may not have had the opportunity to do so otherwise. The dinners will be potluck style, have 8-10 ladies each and meet at someone's house just one time. If

you are interested in participating, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/PXus4vXwu2gU2KCu6>

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP Join us for Wednesday Night Worship on March 29 from 7:00-8:30pm in the gym! This will be a great time of fellowship, worship music, and someone speaking for 20 minutes about what God's doing in their life. Young or old, single or married, all are welcome to join. Childcare will not be provided but children are welcome to join!

CONNECT WITH US

If you would like prayer for something specific, are new to the church, or would like to meet with a church leader for any reason, please text your information to 770.241.8131 or fill out the information below and drop it in the offering box.

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