

6:30 – 6:40am: Praise Song

-During this time, we will learn a new praise song that invites us to open our hearts before God

Endless Alleluia – Cory Asbury

https://youtu.be/XI-nkc4xqHM?si=tbF_wnyIQrpGvMc6

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In the morning when I rise to meet You
In the morning when I lift my eyes
You're the only One I wanna cling to
You're the first thought on my mind

Let our voices rise
All creation cries
Singing out an endless Alleluia
From this moment on
Join with Heaven's song
Singing out an endless Alleluia!

In the moments where You go unnoticed
In the ordinary day to day
Countless miracles of life around us
Point like arrows to Your name

Let our voices rise
All creation cries
Singing out an endless Alleluia
From this moment on
Join with Heaven's song
Singing out an endless Alleluia!

Only a moment to live this life
Like shooting stars, burning up the night
'Til Heaven's opened and we arrive
In Your presence, Lord
In Your presence, Lord

Let our voices rise
All creation cries
Singing out an endless Alleluia
From this moment on
Join with Heaven's song
Singing out an endless Alleluia!

There's nothing better
There's nothing better
There's nothing better
Than this right now, now

There's nothing better
There's nothing better
There's nothing better
Than this right now, now

In the evening when I lay my head down
In the evening when I close my eyes
You're still the only One I wanna cling to
You're the last thought on my mind

6:40 – 6:50am: Scripture Reading & Devotional

Today's reading comes from [John 19:26-37](#).

Often the passion of Jesus is focused on the physical torture Jesus endured. But what the author of the Gospel of John does is focus on what Jesus' death means for us.

First, the author consistently mentions that what Jesus is doing is fulfilling scripture. That this has always been part of the plan. That the plan of redemption and salvation, set in motion since Genesis 3, is now coming to fulfillment.

Second, that Jesus died so that we could live – specifically as the Passover Lamb. In Exodus, as the people prepare to flee Egypt, God sent an angel of death. This would afflict ALL people unless they follow God's instructions. The instructions were to kill a lamb free from impurity, to take a hyssop branch with a sponge and dip it in the blood and smear the blood around the door frame. When the angel of death passes over and see the blood of the lamb, then they would move on and the family would be spared from death. (Does that sound familiar?) Jesus' death saves us from death so that we can live.

Not only is Jesus the Passover Lamb. But also, his death gives birth to new life. When Jesus is pierced in his side, blood and water came gushing out. Again, aside from the physical phenomenon, the water and blood is symbolic of how life is birthed. When a baby is born, the first thing that happens is the water breaks. Jesus gives birth to life.

Today, as we remember this Good Friday, that is the Good Work Jesus did for us on the cross, let us surrender to him.

Allow the full effect and emotions of what it means that Jesus died for us to cover us. In his death we have forgiveness and in his resurrection, we have new life. Let this amazing love be deeply rooted in our hearts, so that as Jesus gave his life for us, so let us surrender our lives to him.

6:50 – 7:10am: Prayer

First, pray for peace across the world. Pray for the end of war and violence. For the end of bloodshed and conflict. For lasting peace and reconciliation. For the restoration and rebuilding of broken communities.

Secondly, pray for our country. For a spirit of revival to bring all to know Jesus, to worship Jesus, to love like Jesus.

Thirdly, pray for our church and that God would bless us to grow.

Lastly, pray that we would feel the amazing love of Jesus. The love that compelled him to give up his life for us. The love that washes us clean of our sin and fear. The love that births new life within us so that we might live for Jesus.

7:10 – to whenever: Personal prayer time

-During this time, there will be gentle instrumental music that will play in the background and all are invited to stay as long as they wish in prayerful posture, lifting up everything into God's hands.