

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAISE

5th Week of Easter

Gathering Music

Open Up The Heavens

We've waited for this day.

We're gathered in Your Name, calling out to You.

Your glory like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens. We want to see You

Open up the floodgates, a mighty river

Flowing from Your heart, Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face, we're looking to the sky

Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now. Lord unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing

Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us Your power.

Show us, show us Your glory, Lord

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Show us, show us Your glory, Lord

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Songs

All Who Are Thirsty

Verse

All who are thirsty, All who are weak,

Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of His

mercy as deep cries out to deep

Chorus

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

(Repeat verse, then chorus 2x)

Song

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

Chorus

(Yeah) He loves us, Oh how He loves us.
Oh how He loves us. Oh how He loves

Verse 2

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 2x

Reading

John 15:1-8

Homily

stand if able

Communal Prayers

Communal prayers allow the opportunity for the entire seminary community individually, and yet as one, to intercede for the church, the world, and all those in need. The intercessor will begin the prayers with the first three bids on page 265 and then offer additional bids. Then the assembly is invited to offer bids aloud. Please speak as loudly as possible so that all may hear. The bids are offered in the following fashion:

Intercessor: For. . . let us pray to the Lord;

Assembly: Lord, have mercy.

Concluding Prayer

assembly prays together

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's name: we implore you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and petitions unto you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained essentially, to the relief of our necessity, and to the proclamation of your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Concluding Collect of the Great Litany)

Benediction

Sending Music

Amen

Verse 1

You have given us a new name as sons and daughters of Your righteousness

And You have taken all of our shame and given us the gift of holiness

Lord we're crying out for faith to believe the words you say

Chorus

You say we are loved. You say we belong to You.

Your grace is enough, nothing more that we can do

You say we've been bought by Your blood, by Your blood

And all that we can say is "Amen."

Verse 2

You have given us a new hope, an anchor for the soul that shall not fail
Jesus we believe Your truth shines, Yes, in the darkest night You shall prevail

Lord, we're crying out for faith to believe the words you say

Chorus

Amen, Your word is true. Amen, we trust in You

Amen, Your word is true. Amen, we trust in You

And all that we can say... And all that we can say... And all that we can say is "Amen."

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