

Online Edition Paul and Silas

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Online

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Pastor Rob*)

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord”

Psalm 95/John Tirro

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Pastor Rob*)

L: Merciful God, it isn't easy for us to follow the commandments of loving.

C: Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love.

L: We place a test before you, asking that you prove your love to us, or we threaten not to believe in you.

C: Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

L: Though our hearts were hardened to the needs of others, God has touched them with compassionate care, healing our wounds and giving courage and strength to our souls. Rejoice, and be assured that God's love is poured out for you! AMEN.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Break Every Chain”

Will Reagan/Dan Galbraith

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING (*Paul Sundet*)

Acts 16:25-40

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. When morning came, the magistrates sent the police, saying, 'Let those men go.' And the jailer reported the message to Paul, saying, 'The magistrates sent word to let you go; therefore come out now and go in peace.' But Paul replied, 'They have beaten us in public, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they going to discharge us in secret? Certainly not! Let them come and take us out themselves.' The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when

they heard that they were Roman citizens; so they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. After leaving the prison they went to Lydia's home; and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters there, they departed.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #173

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

SONG OF THE DAY

"What if I Stumble/Jesus Lover of My Soul"

*John Ezzy, et al./
T. McKeenan, D. Joseph*

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

C: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

L: Called together as brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray for the church, our community, and our world...

L: God of grace,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #185

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Assistant*)

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

COUNCIL UPDATE

BENEDICTION (*Pastor Rob*)

L: Go out into the world in peace; Love the lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”
Verses 1 & 5

ELW #855

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE