

THE
SPIRIT
OF OUR
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



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Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

McConnell

*The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. **Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.***

Call to Worship

Leader: Come to the LORD, who is rich in mercy!

People: **We will praise God in the fullness of His grace!**

Choral Introit

All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him (Psalm 22)

*All ends of earth will turn to Him; the Lord they will again recall.
The nations' families all will come, to worship and before Him fall,
because the LORD the kingdom owns and rules above all earthly thrones.*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 2**

vv. 1-4

O Worship the King

Responsive Reading Psalm 6

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Leader: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath. Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But You, O LORD—how long?

People: **Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of Your steadfast love. For in death there is no remembrance of You; in Sheol who will give You praise?**

Leader: I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

People: **Depart from me, all You workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer. All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.**

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O Worship the King

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

Pastor Bennett

Please bow your head. For those who are able, you are invited to kneel during the confession of sin.

Heavenly Father, if You kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope. In our weakness, we have failed to be Your witnesses. Renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may follow Your commands and proclaim Your reign of love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Lenten Response (See Bulletin)

Franklin Agnus Dei

Unison Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and Earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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 LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Psalm of Praise **No. 119** (See Bulletin)

vv. 1-4

O How I Love Your Holy Law

Franklin Agnus Dei

Text: John 1:29

Gregory D Wilbur, 2009

Cm G m/C A^b/C G m/C A^b/C B^b/C G m/C Cm

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

C min G min A^b G min A^b B^b G min C min

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

C min G min A^b B^b F min C min

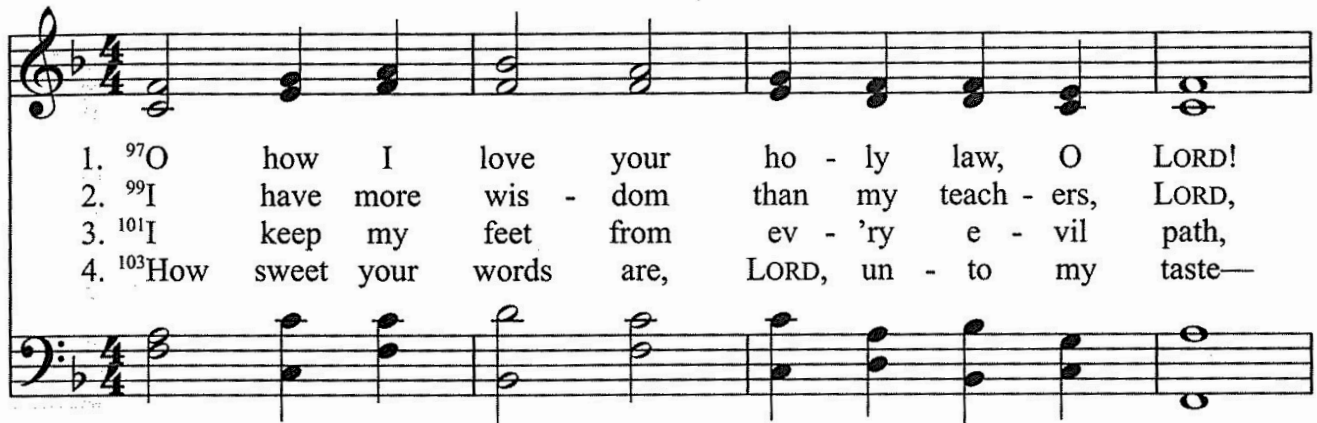
Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world,

G min A^b B^b A^b B^b C no/C

Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

O How I Love Your Holy Law

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1. ⁹⁷O how I love your ho - ly law, O LORD!
 2. ⁹⁹I have more wis - dom than my teach - ers, LORD,
 3. ¹⁰¹I keep my feet from ev - 'ry e - vil path,
 4. ¹⁰³How sweet your words are, LORD, un - to my taste—



All day I med - i - tate up - on your word;
 for on your laws I med - i - tate each day.
 for I de - sire to fol - low all your word;
 sweet - er than hon - ey is up - on my tongue.



⁹⁸It makes me wis - er than my en - e - mies,
¹⁰⁰I have more in - sight than the a - ged ones,
¹⁰²since you have taught me all your wise de - crees,
¹⁰⁴Through your com - mand - ments I will un - der - stand,



for your com - mands are ev - er with me, LORD.
 for all your tes - ti - mon - ies I o - bey.
 from them I do not turn a - side, O LORD.
 there - fore, O LORD, I hate each path that's wrong.

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
That caused the Lord to bear the curse for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, I was sinking down,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, laid aside His crown for my soul.
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb, who is the Great "I Am"; While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be;
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, sing on.*

Congregational Response **No. 731***Doxology*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*Children ages 18 months to kindergarten are dismissed to the Walkabouts Room and Runabouts Room downstairs.
Please use the back sanctuary exits to access the stairs to the childcare rooms.
The Nursery is open but not staffed. All other children remain in worship with their families.*

Scripture Reading

Acts 4:1-22

Sermon

The Spirit of Our Age
Enter Parrhesia

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

The Lord's My Shepherd

McDonald

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers for Boldness

Pastor Chace

Congregational Response **Psalm 150***Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord*

**Sing hallelujah! Praise the LORD!
Praise God within His sacred courts!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise, praise Him in His heav'nly height!
Praise, praise Him for His deeds of might!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (*See bottom of page)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

Please note: we will eat together in the pew.

Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew.

The Elders are serving bread and wine.

To better serve those with restrictions, please see Pastor Devlin for gluten-free bread and/or grape juice.

Communion Hymn

See Screen

Come, O Sinner

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn **No. 55**

vv. 1, 2

To God Be the Glory

Benediction

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

Birchwood

****May I Come to the Lord's Table?***

We warmly invite all baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table, we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

To God Be the Glory

GOD:

All the people were praising God for what had happened. Acts 4:21

G D⁷ G D G C

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

G A⁷ D G D⁷ G

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

D G C G D⁷ G

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN
G D G D D⁷

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

G D⁷ G F D⁷ G

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

D G C G D⁷ G⁷

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Worship at a Glance

A Brief Overview of our Worship Service and How to Participate

A Note to Parents

Children are encouraged to be in the sanctuary because we believe the Bible commands us to include children in the worship service. Parents have the privilege of training their children for worship every Lord's Day. We are happy to partner with you in that training. To assist in training, we encourage families with children to sit closer to the front with their kids and make use of the children's worship bags in the sanctuary. Childcare rooms are also available when additional training or discipline is necessary. For more information, feel free to contact Nadine Michalak or Pastor Nate.

What is a Bulletin?

The bulletin contains our order of worship and includes all the information you need to worship with us on Sundays. The bulletin is not something we simply "work through" but a guide that helps us in our worship of God. **Our worship services are approximately 90 minutes.**

Announcements

Announcements about the ministry are given before the worship service begins. In the summer, we include a time of musical instruction as part of the announcements.

Prelude

The prelude is a musical selection that is played at the beginning of the worship service. During that time, worshipers are encouraged to pray and prepare their hearts and minds for worship. The prelude ends with the "ringing of the hour," which includes the Westminster Chime, followed by a Trinitarian bell.

Congregational Responses

Worship at Beverly Heights is "dialogical," meaning it is a dialogue between God and His people. The Pastor calls and the congregation responds throughout the service. All responsive readings for the congregation are in **bold**. The congregation also responds by kneeling for confession, standing for the reading of God's word before the sermon, and declaring "Amen" after prayer and song.

Confessions of Sin and Faith

Each Sunday, the congregation is invited to confess their sins. We first confess corporately, followed by a time of silent and private confession. Everyone is invited to bow their heads and, for those who are able, to kneel for confession. Following the confession of sin, the pastor offers assurance of your forgiveness. The congregation then joins in a unison confession of faith through one of the ecumenical creeds (Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Definition of Chalcedon).

Music

Our worship service includes weekly special music. Normally, the choir (which is the "first-fruit" of the voice) sings an anthem on behalf of the congregation. When the choir is in recess, special music is offered by soloists or ensembles. We refrain from clapping for these musical offerings but respond as a congregation by lifting up our hands and singing the Doxology *a cappella*. All congregational music for the service can be found in the bulletin, the Trinity Hymnbook, or the Summer Psalter. Our Director of Music cantors to assist the congregation in singing.

Scripture Readings

There are two scripture lessons during the worship service, normally one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. We always stand for the reading before the sermon in keeping with the model found in Nehemiah 8:5.

Sermon

The preaching of the word is understood as a direct address by God through the preacher to the congregation. Our sermons are predominantly exegetical (derived from the text) but sometimes topical. Most sermons will include an introduction, an explanation of the text, an application, and a takeaway (call to action).

Offering

Every Lord's Day includes the opportunity to present an offering to the Lord in the form of gifts, tithes, offerings, and prayers. (A "tithes" is defined by the scriptures as a tenth of our income.)

Pastoral Prayer

Following the offering, a pastoral prayer is made on behalf of the congregation. The subject of the prayer varies weekly, and worshipers are encouraged to join in the prayer by faith.

Communion

We practice weekly communion in worship. All baptized believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper (See additional note in bulletin). Worshipers come to the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and wine, but all partake of the elements together in the pews. As you receive the elements, the congregation is invited to sing. After communion, there is a "Eucharistic" (thanksgiving) prayer, followed by the singing of the threefold "Amen."

Closing

After communion, the congregation sings a closing hymn or Psalm, followed by the benediction. The benediction is a blessing given by God to the congregation by the pastor. All worshipers are encouraged to stretch out their hands as a gesture of receptivity as they receive the benediction.

Postlude

The service ends with the playing of a postlude.

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February 1	Acts 2:1-13
February 8	Acts 2:14-47
February 15	Acts 3:1-10
February 22	Acts 3:11-26
March 1	Acts 4:1-22
March 8	Acts 4:23-37
March 15	Acts 5:1-16

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
 10:00 AM Worship Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

4:00 PM Prayer Team Meeting
 7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Church Offices Closed

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

8:00 AM Men's Study Group
 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
 6:30 PM Fusion

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 6:30 PM Women's Dessert and Game Night

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