

THE
SPIRIT
OF OUR
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



MARCH 15, 2026

Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Prelude on "Wondrous Love"
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

Hear My Prayer, O LORD (Psalm 86)

*You, O Lord, are good and forgiving. Give ear to my prayer.
Teach Your way that I may walk in Your truth; Fix my heart to fear You.
You, O Lord, are full of mercy. Gracious are You, O God.
Slow to anger, abounding in faithfulness. Turn to me, deliver me. Save me in Your love.,*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Psalm of Praise **No. 30B**

vv. 1-3

O Lord, I Will Exalt You

Responsive Reading Psalm 101

Rev Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Leader: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O LORD, I will make music. I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will You come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house;

People: I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall be far from me; I will know nothing of evil.

Leader: Whoever slanders his neighbor secretly I will destroy. Whoever has a haughty look and an arrogant heart I will not endure. I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me.

People: No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes. Morning by morning I will destroy all the wicked in the land, cutting off all the evildoers from the city of the LORD.

Responsive Psalm **No. 30B**

vv. 4, 5

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*If you have been raised up with Christ,
keep seeking the things above, where Christ is. — Colossians 3:1*

30B

Psalm 30

1. ¹ O LORD, I will ex - alt You, For You have lift - ed me;
2. ⁴ Sing prais - es, O you god - ly, Who to the LORD be - long;
3. ⁶ When pros - p'rous, I once boast - ed, "Un - moved I shall re - main."

My foes You kept from boast - ing, De - nied them vic - to - ry.
And to His name most ho - ly Show grat - i - tude in song.
⁷ But You, LORD, by Your fa - vor My moun - tain's strength main - tain;

² O LORD, my God, I plead - ed That You might heal and save;
⁵ His an - ger lasts a mo - ment, His grace through life goes on;
For when Your face was hid - den, I then be - came dis - mayed.

³ LORD, You from death have ran - somed, And kept me from the grave.
Though through the night tears lin - ger, Great joy comes with the dawn.
⁸ O LORD, to You I cried out, And to the Lord I prayed:

4. ⁹ "O where is the advantage
If my blood should be shed?
Will dust declare You faithful,
Can praise come from the dead?
¹⁰ O LORD, to me be gracious,
And hear me as I've prayed.
To You, O LORD, I cry out
O be my help, my aid."

5. ¹¹ You turned my grief to dancing,
From sackcloth set me free.
You wrapped me up in gladness;
I shall not silent be.
¹² Indeed, my soul, my glory,
Will praise You and adore;
O LORD, my God, I'll thank You
Both now and evermore.

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

Pastor Chace

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news of the gospel:

“Christ died for your sins. He made a full atonement for you. We are forgiven, and we have the promise of eternal life. 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: Malachi 3:1-12

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Lenten Hymn No. 246

vv. 1-5

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

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,

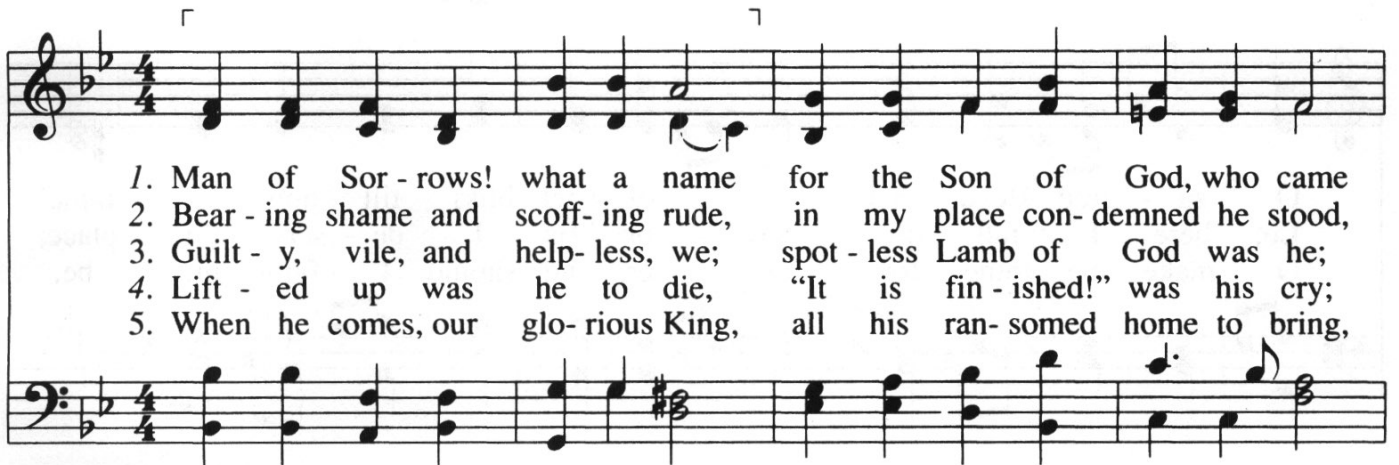
G min A^b B^b A^b B^b C no/C

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

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

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He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Is. 53:3



1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,



ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
• full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR! 7.7.7.8.
Philip P. Bliss, 1875

Autumn Nuss, violin

*What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*This is all my hope and peace; nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

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 5:1-16

Sermon

The Spirit of Our Age
God's Response to Pretenders

Pastor Devlin

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

McConnell

Pastoral Prayer

Denominational Discernment

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. 429**

vv. 1, 4

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Benediction

Postlude

He Leadeth Me

Kirkland

****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.

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Rom. 12:1

1. Let thy blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2. Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3. By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear wound
 4. Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

bod - y bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give,
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

REFRAIN

of thy bound - less love the to - ken.
 Je - sus by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match - less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

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.

The Spirit of Our Age <i>A Sermon Series on the Book of Acts</i>	
March 22	Acts 5:17-42
March 29	Acts 6:1-7
April 5	Acts 6:8-15
April 12	Acts 7:1-50
April 19	Acts 7:51-60
April 26	Acts 8:1-8
May 3	Acts 8:9-25
May 10	Acts 8:26-40
May 17	Acts 9:1-19a
May 24	Acts 9:19b-31
May 31	Acts 9:32-43

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Church Offices Closed

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 PM Next Gen Team Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 AM Men's Study Group
 12:30 PM March Madness Men's Event

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

9:00 AM Christian Ed for all ages
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 4:30 PM Hosanna in the Heights

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