



THE  
SPIRIT  
OF OUR  
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



APRIL 26, 2026

# Beverly Heights Church

Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

## THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Gaspard

*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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed!**

Choral Introit (Psalm 148)

*From Heaven, O Praise the Lord*

*From heaven, O praise the LORD; ye heights, His glory raise. All angels praise accord; let all His host give praise. Praise Him on high, sun, moon and star, sun, moon, and star ye heavens afar, and cloudy sky.*

*Jehovah's name be praised above the earth and sky. For He His saints has raised and set their power on High. Him praise accord, O Israel's race, O Israel's race, near to His grace. Praise ye the LORD!*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 441**

vv. 1-3

*Jesus Shall Reign*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 20

Pastor Chace

Leader: May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May He send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! May He remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices!

**People: May He grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!**

Leader: Now I know that the LORD saves His anointed; He will answer Him from His holy heaven with the saving might of His right hand. Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

**People: O LORD, save the king! May He answer us when we call.**

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## Jesus Shall Reign

*He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. Ps. 72:8*

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc -  
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner  
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to  
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per - fume, shall  
 • love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro -  
 leaps to lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal  
 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a -

shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 • claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 rest, and all the sons of want are blest.  
 gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

<b>THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN</b>
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Unison Prayer of Confession, Followed by Silent Confession of Sin

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

**Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive us for our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore us in such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news of the gospel:*

*"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven."*

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.**

<b>THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES</b>
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Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 21:1-9

Pastor Chace

Psalm of Praise No. 7 (See Bulletin)

vv. 1-3

*O Lord, My God, I Take Refuge*

Choral Anthem

*Our Lord's Prayer*

Larson

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.**

# O LORD, My God, I Take Refuge

*All the churches shall know that I am He  
who searches the minds and hearts. — Revelation 2:23*

# 7A

Psalm 7:1-9

1. <sup>1</sup> O LORD, my God, I take re - fuge in You;  
2. <sup>3</sup> O LORD my God, if my hands were un - just,  
3. <sup>6</sup> LORD, rise in an - ger, and be my de - fense

O save me from all those who have pur - sued.  
<sup>4</sup> Harm - ing my foes or my friends in their trust,  
A - gainst my en - e - my's rage so in - tense;

<sup>2</sup> Lest they should tear me like li - ons with prey;  
<sup>5</sup> Let my pur - su - er come near and sur - round,  
Rise, bring the judg - ment that You have de - creed.

With none to res - cue, they'd drag me a - way.  
Tramp - ling my life in the dust of the ground.  
<sup>7</sup> Let peo - ples come and with You gath - ered be.

4. Come back to rule over them from on high.  
<sup>8</sup> The LORD will judge as the nations draw nigh.  
My cause is right, LORD, O vindicate me;  
Judge me as You my integrity see.

5. <sup>9</sup> O let the evil of wicked men cease,  
And all the righteous establish in peace;  
God who is righteous examines and finds  
All of the depths of men's hearts and their minds.

*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 8:1-8

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

**The Spirit of Our Age**  
Joy through Persecution

***THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS***

Call for the Offering and Offertory

*In the Garden*

Kingsmore

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers for a Clean Spirit

Pastor Chace

Congregational Response **No. 734**

*Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

***THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE***

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (\*See back cover)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

***Please note: we will eat together in the pen.  
Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pen.  
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

*Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near*

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

*Trinity Hymnal*

***THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM***

Closing Hymn **No. 275**

vv. 1, 2, 5

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won*

Benediction

Postlude

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Paxton

# The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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*Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory? Luke 24:26*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to - ry of life is  
 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions hath dis -  
 3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped; he ris - es glo - rious from the  
 4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high por - tals  
 5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread sting thy ser - vants

won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 persed: let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 • dead: all glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fell: let hymns of praise his tri - umphs tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 free, that we may live and sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Latin hymn  
Tr. by Francis Pott, 1861

PALESTRINA 8.8.8.al.  
Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1591; arr.

## ***\*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.*

<b>The Spirit of Our Age</b> <i>A Sermon Series on the Book of Acts</i>	
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, APRIL 26**

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

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

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

### **MONDAY, APRIL 27**

*Church Offices Closed*

### **FRIDAY, MAY 1**

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 28**

### **SATURDAY, MAY 2**

8:00 AM Men's Study Group  
9:00 AM Spring Clean Up

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

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

### **SUNDAY, MAY 3**

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

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