



THE  
SPIRIT  
OF OUR  
AGE



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF ACTS



MAY 17, 2026

# Beverly Heights Church

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Welcome and Greeting

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Church Administrator

## THE LORD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

Stanley

*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 92)

*It's Good to Thank the Lord*

*It's good to thank the LORD, to praise Your name, Most High!*

*To show Your love at dawn, Your faithfulness all night!*

*The ten-stringed lyre with sweet-voiced lute and rippling harp Your praise inspire.*

*Those planted by the LORD shall in God's courts be seen;*

*When old they'll still bear fruit and flourish, fresh and green,*

*And loud proclaim how upright is the LORD, my Rock; no wrong in Him!*

Prayer of Invocation

Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 18**

vv. 1-4

*You Holy Angels Bright*

Responsive Reading from Psalm 82

Rev. Dr. Kyle David Bennett, Assistant Pastor

Leader: God has taken His place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods He holds judgment: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"

**People: Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."**

Leader: They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you; nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince."

**People: Arise, O God, judge the earth; for You shall inherit all the nations!**

## You Holy Angels Bright

*Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Ps. 148:2*

1. You ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or  
 2. You bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race, and  
 3. All na - tions of the earth, ex - tol the world's great King; with  
 4. Sing forth Je - ho - vah's praise, you saints, that on him call! Him

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our  
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sav - ior's face; God's prais - es  
 mel - o - dy and mirth his glo - rious prais - es sing; for he still  
 mag - ni - fy al - ways, his ho - ly church - es all! In him re -

song, for else the theme too high does seem for mor - tal tongue.  
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light you do a - bound.  
 reigns, and will bring low the proud - est foe that him dis - dains.  
 joyce, and there pro - claim his ho - ly name with sound - ing voice.

5. My soul, bear now your part,  
 triumph in God above;  
 with a well-tun-ed heart  
 sing now the songs of love;  
 you are his own, whose precious blood  
 shed for your good his love made known.

7. With your triumphant flock  
 then I shall numbered be;  
 built on th'eternal Rock,  
 his glory we shall see.  
 The heav'ns so high with praise shall ring  
 and all shall sing in harmony.

6. Away, distrustful care!  
 I have your promise, Lord;  
 to banish all despair,  
 I have your oath and word;  
 and therefore I shall see your face  
 and there your grace shall magnify.

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

*Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a humble heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness*

Leader: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity!

**People: And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

**People: And You forgave the guilt of my sin.**

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

**Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear me as I come to You humbly confessing my sins and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. I have broken Your holy laws by my deeds, by my words, and by the sinful affections of my heart. I confess before You my disobedience and ingratitude, my pride and willfulness, and all my failures and shortcomings toward You and toward my family and friends. Have mercy upon me, most merciful Father, and of Your great goodness grant that I may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; grant me this, I pray, through the mediation of Jesus Christ my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Hear the good news of the gospel: God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us. He has given his only Son to die for you, and for his sake forgives you all your 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.**

**THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES**

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 27:1-14

Rev. Peter A. Chace, Assistant Pastor

Psalm of Praise **No. 30B** (See Bulletin)

vv. 1-3

*O Lord, I Will Exalt You*

Choral Anthem

*Psalm 27*

Sorenson

*Your face, O Lord, I will seek.*

*Oh, do not hide from me, oh, do not turn from me. God, You are my helper.*

*Do not reject me, do not forsake me. God, You are my Savior.*

*Wait on the Lord. Wait on the Lord.*

*I will remain confident in this: that I will see the goodness of the Lord.*

*Be of good courage, and He will give you strength as you wait on the Lord your God.*

*Though enemies oppress me, though family may forsake me, wait on the Lord, wait on the Lord.*

*Though evil rise against me, though witnesses accuse me, wait on the Lord, wait on the Lord.*

*I will remain confident in this: that I will see the goodness of the Lord.*

*Be of good courage, and He will give you strength as you wait on the Lord your God.*

*Your face, O Lord, I will seek.*

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 9:1-19a

Sermon

Pastor Devlin

**The Spirit of Our Age**  
Conversation and Conversion

**THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS**

Call for the Offering and Offertory

*The Love of God*

Lehman

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for Scales to be Removed from Our Eyes

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.**

# O LORD, I Will Exalt You

# 30B

Psalm 30

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

1. <sup>1</sup> O LORD, I will ex - alt You, For You have lift - ed me;  
2. <sup>4</sup> Sing prais - es, O you god - ly, Who to the LORD be - long;  
3. <sup>6</sup> 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.  
<sup>7</sup> But You, LORD, by Your fa - vor My moun - tain's strength main - tain;

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, my God, I plead - ed That You might heal and save;  
<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.  
<sup>8</sup> O LORD, to You I cried out, And to the Lord I prayed:

4. <sup>9</sup> "O where is the advantage  
If my blood should be shed?  
Will dust declare You faithful,  
Can praise come from the dead?"

<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> You turned my grief to dancing,  
From sackcloth set me free.  
You wrapped me up in gladness;  
I shall not silent be.

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, my soul, my glory,  
Will praise You and adore;  
O LORD, my God, I'll thank You  
Both now and evermore.

**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 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

*In You, O Lord, I Place My Trust*

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

*Trinity Hymnal*

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

Closing Psalm **No. 30 B** (See Bulletin)

vv. 4, 5

*O Lord, I Will Exalt You*

Benediction

Postlude

*Praise the King*

Schram

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***\*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>	
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, MAY 17**

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

### **THURSDAY, MAY 21**

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

### **MONDAY, MAY 18**

*Church Offices Closed*

### **FRIDAY, MAY 22**

### **TUESDAY, MAY 19**

6:30 PM VBS Volunteer Meeting  
 7:00 PM Next Gen Team Meeting

### **SATURDAY, MAY 23**

8:00 AM Men's Study Group

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

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

### **SUNDAY, MAY 24**

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

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