

Living Water Fellowship

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17TH MAY 2020

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness to death & re-created a world filled with the joy of life, light & hope. You have turned our defeat by sin into sudden & complete victory, & re-created a world filled with the joy & peace of your forgiving presence. Loving Father move among us by your Spirit & bring the good news of your grace & love to us all. Make us alive to you & obedient in your Son so the world might be drawn to you forever. Through Jesus we pray...Amen

BIBLE READING: Matthew 28:1-10

SONG: *Indescribable*

[Verse 1]

*From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming*

[Chorus]

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky
and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim.
You are amazing God*

[Verse 2]

*Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom*

[Chorus]

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky
and You know them by name.
You are amazing God*

*All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim.
You are amazing God
You are amazing God*

[Chorus to end]

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky
and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim.
You are amazing God
Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky
and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
and You love me the same*

*You are amazing God.
You are amazing God*

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GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

FAITH CHAT:

1. What is one thing you'd like people to remember about you when you are no longer here?
2. How would you define/explain "grace" to someone unfamiliar with Jesus?
3. Can you share the heart of the gospel in one sentence?

THE MESSAGE: *MOVE TOGETHER: IN GRACE*

PRAYERS:

(Individuals are encouraged to pray for one another in their households & to include prayers for the wider Living Water family, the Wagga Wagga community, our nation and the world's leaders in this time of isolation due to virus containment)

(Individual households may also choose to celebrate Holy Communion after the online service concludes.

Please feel free to do so. If you know the Words of Institution you simply say them as you would hear them in worship. If you aren't sure, then read aloud together Paul's recount of the celebration in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Then share the forgiveness, life and salvation Christ offers in his body and blood. The words "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you" and appropriate elements are to be used as you celebrate together.)

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now & forever. Amen.

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

**† _____, child of God, Christ has brought you safely to the Father.
Amen.**

SONG:

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

[Verse 1]

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down.
Fix in us your humble dwelling,
all your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, you are all compassion,
pure unbounded love you are;
visit us with your salvation,
enter every trembling heart.*

[Verse 2]

*Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all your grace receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
never more your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
serve you as your hosts above;
pray, and praise you, without ceasing,
glory in your perfect love.*

[Verse 3]

*Finish then your new creation,
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see your great salvation,
perfectly restored in you;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before you,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

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SHOW HIS LOVE

MATTHEW 28:1-10

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!

Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God.

He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. So he went and preached to the spirits in prison - those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood.

And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honour next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.