

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LINCOLN**  
**Worship Plan for Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

***we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen***

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN: “Mighty to Save”**

Everyone needs compassion  
A love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
And fill my life again  
I give my life to follow in everything I believe in  
Now I surrender, yes, I surrender

Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

And shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

You're my Savior, You can move the mountains  
God, You are mighty to save  
Yes, You are mighty to save  
Forever, author of salvation  
You rose and conquered the grave, yes  
You conquered the grave

You are mighty to save

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*C: And also with you.*

## **KYRIE**

Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

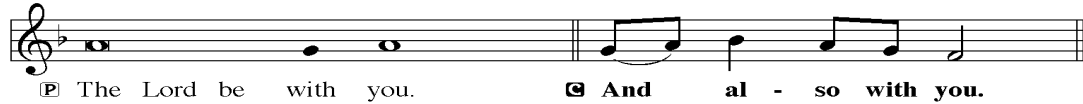
Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☩ A - men

## SING HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ③ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ④ For the Lamb who was  
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



Let us pray. . . .

*O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen*

## FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:12-19

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Here ends the reading.

## PSALM: Psalm: 4

*TODAY'S THEME:* The LORD does wonders for the faithful.

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!"**

**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup>**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;**  
**for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

**SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

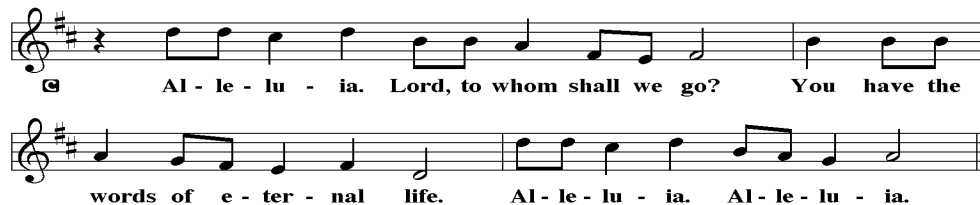
<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Here ends the reading.

**VERSE**



**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.



*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*



How could I question His love when it's everywhere I go  
Wherever I look, I find another miracle

How can you not see God  
In every little thing, in every little moment?  
How can you not feel loved?  
How can you not? How can you not?  
'Cause He's in the middle of  
Every little thing and every little moment  
How can you not see God?  
How can you not? How can you not?

Everything is evidence  
Showing me that You exist  
All creation singing hallelujah  
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Showing me that You exist  
All creation singing hallelujah

How can you not see God  
In every little thing, in every little moment?  
How can you not feel loved? Hmm-mm  
'Cause He's in the middle of  
Every little thing and every little moment  
How can you not see God?  
How can you not? How can you not?

Oh, how can you not see God  
In every little thing, in every little moment?  
How can you not feel loved?  
How can you not? How can you not?  
'Cause He's in the middle of  
Every little thing and every little moment  
How can you not see God?  
How can you not? How can you not?

## **NICENE CREED**

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*



*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen*

## THE PRAYERS

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry (*ministry context may be named*). Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Abba Father, in our busy lives we don't take the time away from the distractions of this world to speak with you as we should, hear now the prayers that we offer in the silence of our hearts. *A brief silence.* God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died (*especially*). As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*C: And also with you.*

## OFFERING

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Blessed are you,

*O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## DIALOGUE

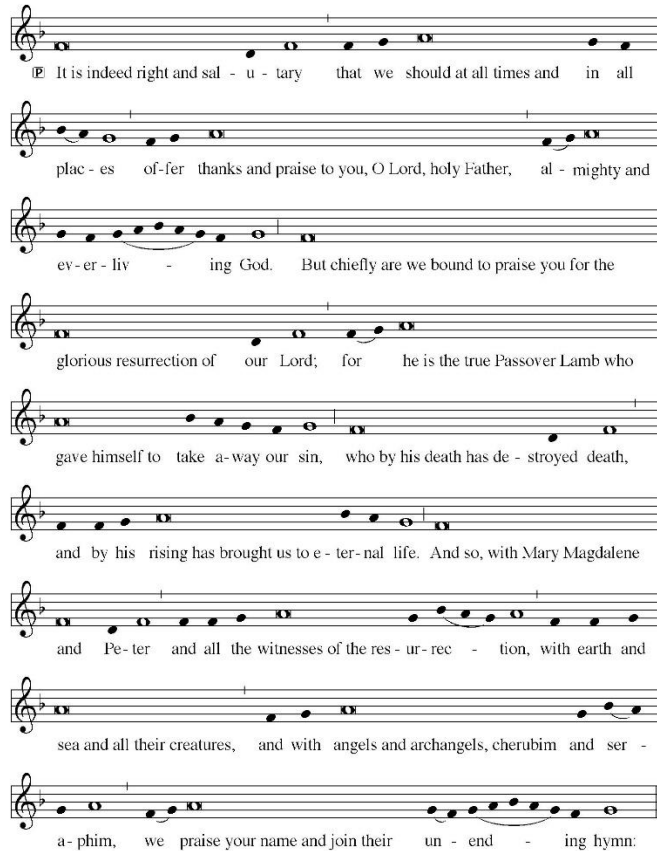
☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

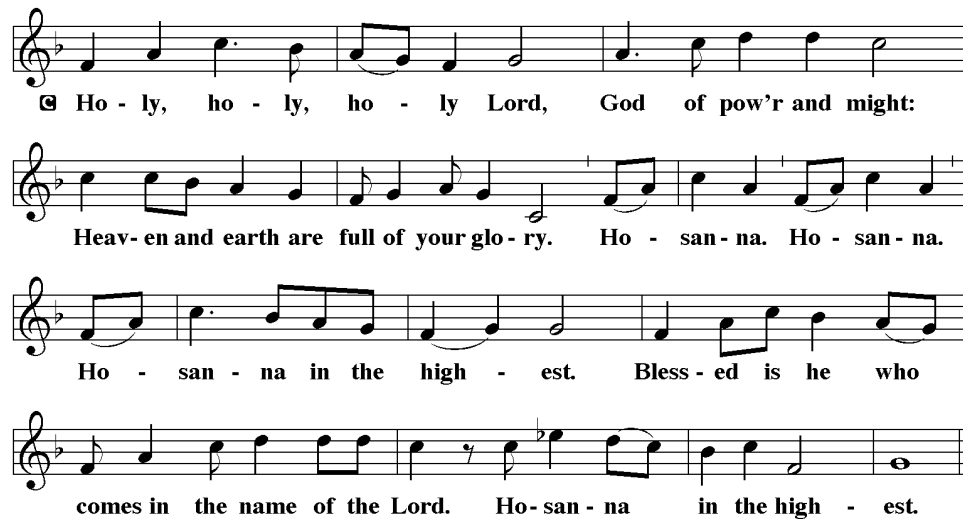
☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE



It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all  
plac - es of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, al - mighty and  
ev - er - liv - ing God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the  
glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who  
gave himself to take a - way our sin, who by his death has de - stroyed death,  
and by his rising has brought us to e - ter - nal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene  
and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and  
sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and ser -  
a - phim, we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,

but have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

***C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.***

On the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, blessed it;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
Take and drink; this cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup,  
We proclaim our Lord's death until he comes again.

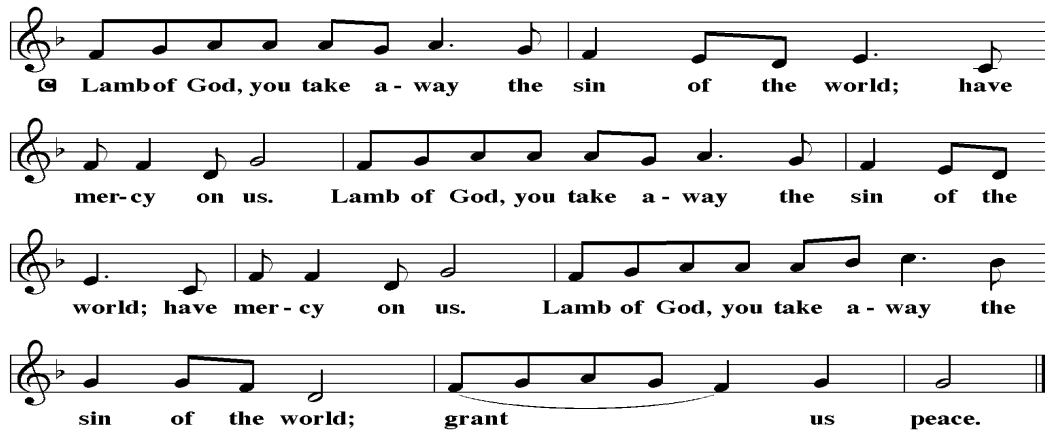
## LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.***

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*After each, the communicant responds:*  
***C: Amen.***

## COMMUNION HYMN

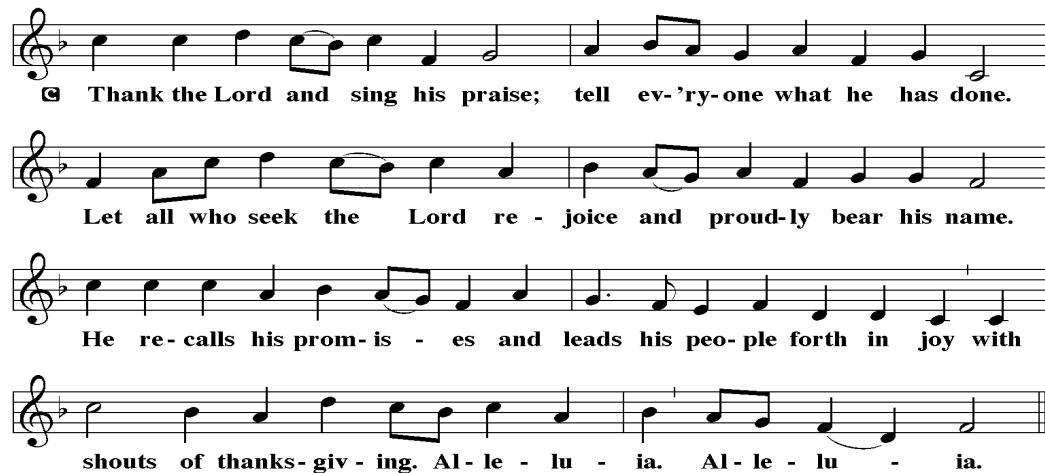


☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*C: Amen*



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*C: Amen*

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.  
*C: Amen*

**SENDING HYMN: “Your Grace Is Enough”**

Great is your faithfulness, oh God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

So, remember your people  
Remember your children  
Remember your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Great is your love and justice, God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of your salvation  
And all your people sing along

So, remember your people  
Remember your children  
Remember your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Yeah, your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

So, remember your people  
Remember your children  
Remember your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Yeah, your grace is enough  
Heaven reaching down to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God, I see your grace is enough  
I'm covered in your Love  
Your grace is enough for me  
For me

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
*C: Thanks be to God.*

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