

**May 8, 2022**

**THE GREAT INTERRUPTER**  
Doubt Interrupted by Faith



**AND then Thomas said . . .**  
***MY LORD and MY GOD***

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**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Lake Ronkonkoma, NY**  
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**WELCOME**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**OPENING SONG    He Lives**

I serve a risen Savior  
He's in the world today.  
I know that He is living,  
Whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy;  
I hear His voice of cheer;  
And just the time I need Him  
He's always near.

**REFRAIN:**

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me  
I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary,

I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading,  
Through all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing  
Will come at last. *REFRAIN*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs  
To Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him,  
The Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving,  
So good and kind. *REFRAIN*

### GREETING

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. *I Thessalonians 2:8*

### SONG OF PRAISE **Agnus Dei**

Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia.  
Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

You are holy, holy are You Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb. Amen

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**FIRST READING** (New Living Translation) **Hebrews 11:1-3, 7-10**  
Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen. It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who warned him about things that had never happened before. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.

### PSALM ALL:

### All the Ends of the Earth

### Psalm 98

The image shows three staves of musical notation for Psalm 98. The first staff is the vocal line with lyrics: "All the ends of the earth have seen the pow-er of". The second staff is a piano accompaniment line with lyrics: "God: all the ends of the earth have". The third staff is another piano accompaniment line with lyrics: "seen the pow - er of God." The music is in G major and 8/8 time. There is a "div." marking above the second staff.

**CANTOR:** *Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for God has done wondrous deeds;  
whose right hand has won the vict'ry for us,  
God's holy arm.*

*CANTOR: The Lord has made salvation known,  
and justice revealed to all,  
remembering kindness and faithfulness to Israel.*

*CANTOR: All of the ends of earth have seen  
salvation by our God.  
Joyfully sing out all you lands,  
break forth in song.*

*CANTOR: Sing to the Lord with harp and song,  
with trumpet and with horn.  
Sing in your joy before the king,  
the king, our Lord.*

**HOLY GOSPEL** (New Living Translation) **John 20:24-29**

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

**SONG OF THE DAY** **We Believe**

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe, we believe

In this broken generation  
When all is dark, You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again, we believe

So, let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
And in our weakness and temptations  
We believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
And He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back again

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now, let love invade  
Let the church live love our God will see  
We believe, we believe

And the gates of hell will not prevail  
For the power of God, has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail  
We believe, we believe

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We believe in the crucifixion  
We believe that He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection  
And He's coming back  
He's coming back again  
He's coming back again  
We believe, We believe

**WORD OF GOD FOR TODAY**

**Rev. Claudia D. Raggie**

FOR YOUR NOTES

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**In God We Trust**

*Holy Cross Worship Leader Singers/Choir*

*Overwhelmed but I won't break  
Through the battle I will say  
Your grace will be enough  
Your grace will be enough*

*Under fire but we won't fall  
We will never be alone*

*You'll always be enough  
You'll always be enough*

*Now in God we trust  
In His Name we hope  
And I know, God will not be shaken  
God is here with us  
He's already won  
And I know, God will not be shaken*

*We will follow where You go  
We will trust through the unknown  
I know You go before  
I know You go before*

*Lead my heart now in Your ways  
For we're carrying Your Name  
Your promise never fails  
Your promise never fails*

*Now in God we trust  
In His Name we hope  
And I know, God will not be shaken  
God is here with us  
He's already won  
And I know, God will not be shaken*

*You finish what You've begun  
Forever strong in Your love  
Your Name is sure  
And You will fight for us  
Our hope forever secure  
In You alone*

*You finish what You've begun  
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In You alone*

*Now in God we trust  
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God is here with us  
He's already won  
I know, God will not be shaken  
God will not be shaken  
God will not be shaken*

## **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **SONG OF PREPARATION**

**Halle, Halle, Halle**

*Halle, halle, halle lu jah!  
Halle, halle, halle lu jah!  
Halle, halle, halle lu jah!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

## **THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION SONGS

### Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*REFRAIN:* This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight,  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *REFRAIN:*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *REFRAIN:*

## I Believe in Jesus

I believe in Jesus  
I believe He is the Son of God  
I believe He died and rose again  
I believe He paid for us all

### REFRAIN

And I believe He is here now  
Standing in our midst  
Here With the power to heal now  
And the grace to forgive

I believe in You, Lord  
I believe You are the Son of God  
I believe You died and rose again  
I believe You paid for us all. *REFRAIN*

I believe in You, Lord  
I believe You are the Son of God  
I believe You died and rose again  
I believe You paid for us all. *REFRAIN*

And I believe You're here now  
Standing in our midst  
Here With the power to heal now  
And the grace to forgive. *REFRAIN*

### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand:  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

### **Our God Is Greater**

Water you turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind  
there's no one like you, none like You!  
Into the darkness you shine out of the ashes we rise  
there's no one like you none like You!

Our God is greater, our God is stronger,  
God you are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes we rise  
there's no one like you, none like You!

Our God is greater, our God is stronger,  
God you are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

Our God is greater, our God is stronger,  
God you are higher than any other.  
Our God is Healer, Awesome in Power, Our God! Our God!

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?  
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And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?  
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Our God is greater, our God is stronger,  
God you are higher than any other.  
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Our God is greater, our God is stronger,  
God you are higher than any other.  
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## CONCLUDING PRAYER

## BLESSING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## CLOSING SONG      **Lord I Lift Your Name on High**

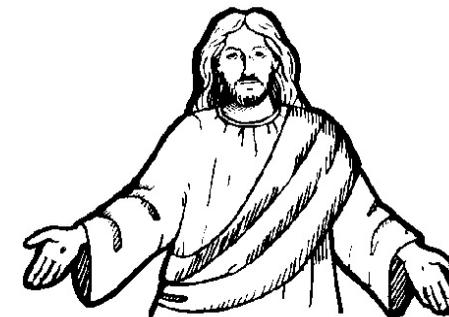
Lord I Lift your name on high  
Lord I love to sing your praises  
I'm, so glad you're in my life  
I'm so glad you came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
from the earth to the cross my debt to pay  
from the cross to the grave  
from the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift your name on high

## DISMISSAL

**L:**    Go in peace, serve the Lord

**R:**    **Thanks be to God.**



**He Lives!**