

TRUMPET CALL

WELCOME TO THE UPTOWN CHURCH!

PSALM 47:5-7

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your bulletin for more information.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

A pastoral prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, and illumination.

Psalm 25:4-5, 67:1-2, 105:4, 116:2, 119:18

Matthew 18:20, 28:19-20; Luke 24:32,45; Ephesians 1:17–19; 1 Corinthians 2:14

PASSING THE PEACE

Unity & Reconciliation

*Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-12;
1 Thessalonians 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14; Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Corporate prayer of our covenantal commitment with our Heavenly Father through the Son of God, which encourages the confession of sin together.

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

Our Father,
who is in heaven,
holy is Your Name.
Your kingdom come,
Your 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 Yours is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
forever and ever.

Amen.



PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

Praising and glorifying our Lord and Saviour in song together.

Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

Ten Commandments and the Psalms

Exodus 20

PASTOR

You shall have no other gods before Me.

PEOPLE

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.



PASTOR

You shall not bow down and worship idols.

PEOPLE

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the sheep of His hand.



PASTOR

You shall not take the Lord's name in vain.

PEOPLE

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will
declare Your praise... a broken and contrite
heart, O God, you will not despise.



PASTOR

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

PEOPLE

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.



PASTOR

Honour your father and your mother.

PEOPLE

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for You are good, O Lord.



PASTOR

You shall not murder.

PEOPLE

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Test me and know my thoughts! See if there be any grievous way in me and lead me in the way everlasting!



PASTOR

You shall not commit adultery.

PEOPLE

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.



PASTOR

You shall not steal.

PEOPLE

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.



PASTOR

You shall not give false testimony.

PEOPLE

Keep me from deceitful ways and graciously
teach me your law!



PASTOR

You shall not covet.

PEOPLE

Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things and give me life in Your ways.



PASTOR

The Lord is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;
He also hears their cry and saves them.

The Lord preserves all who love Him,
but all the wicked He will destroy.



PEOPLE

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord!
Let all flesh bless His holy name
Forever and ever.



EVERYONE

Blessed be the Lord,
the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
Amen and Amen.



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer

Genesis 2:20-24

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So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Then the man said:



GENESIS 2:20-24

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore, a man shall leave his father and his mother and
hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.



PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Pastoral & Congregational Prayer

Psalm 103:8-13

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The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will He keep His anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.



PSALM 103:8-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.



BLESSING & DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN

Call children to the altar for prayer and blessing.

Matthew 18:1-14, 19:13-14

PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

Praising and glorifying our Lord and Saviour in song together.

Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16

DECLARATION OF THE LAW

The Greatest Commandment with a supplementary passage.

*Mark 12.29-31; Matthew 22:35-40; Luke 10:25-28;
John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-8,21; Romans 13:9-10; Galatians 5:14; Matthew 7:12
Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18*

‘Hear, O Israel!

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

And you shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

This is the first and great commandment.



And the second is like it:

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments hang all
the Law and the Prophets.



For the commandments,
“You shall not commit adultery,
You shall not murder,
You shall not steal,
You shall not covet,”



and any other commandment,
are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

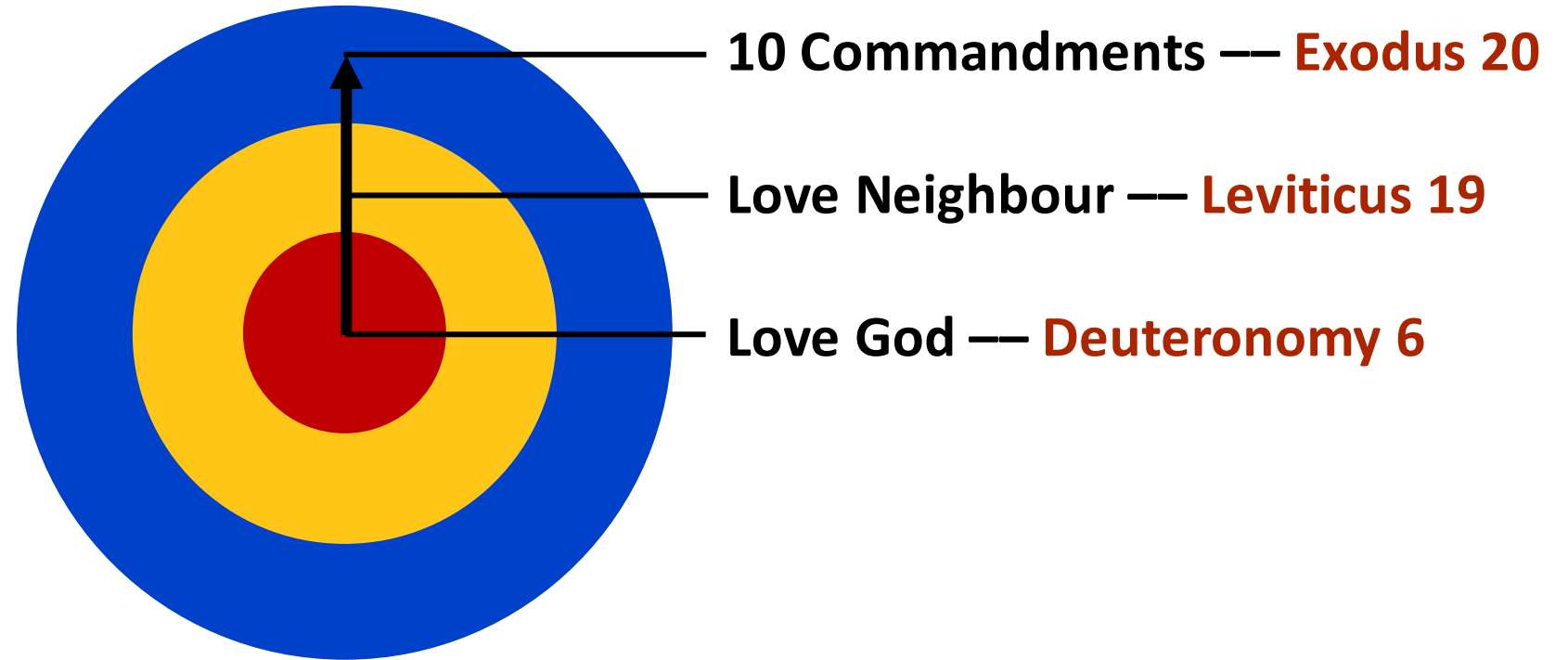
Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.



THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN

Understanding the Decalogue, Part III

EXODUS 20 – 10 COMMANDMENTS



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1. **No other gods:** Worship only the one true God.
2. **No idols:** Do not make or worship images/idols.
3. **No misusing God's name:** Do not carry God's name falsely.
4. **Keep the Sabbath (No working):** Set aside a day to worship and rest in God.
5. **Honor parents:** Respect your father and mother.
6. **No murder:** Do not kill people unjustly.
7. **No adultery:** Be faithful to your spouse.
8. **No stealing:** Do not take what belongs to others.
9. **No lying:** Do not give false testimony (lie).
10. **No coveting:** Do not desire, envy, or crave what belongs to your neighbor.



EXODUS 20:1-3

1. No other gods

And God spoke all these words, saying:

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

“You shall have no other gods before me.



EXODUS 20:4-6

2. No idols or images of gods

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.



EXODUS 20:7

3. Do not misuse the Lord's Name

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.



THE LORD'S NAME

What does a name mean?

- In the ancient Near East, a name encapsulated identity:
 - ❑ Nature/Essence
 - ❑ Attributes
 - ❑ Character
 - ❑ Reputation
 - ❑ Authority



THE LORD'S NAME

What is God's name?

- YHWH (Yahweh) often translated LORD
- **Exodus 33:18–19** — Moses said [to God], “Please show me your glory.” And He said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you My name ‘The Lord.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”



THE LORD'S NAME

What is God's name?

- **Exodus 3:13-14** — Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”
- God's personal, covenantal name:
“**I AM THAT I AM**” or simply “**I AM**”



THE LORD'S NAME

What is God's name?

John 8:58 — “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**”

- Jesus declared, “I am God”
- Jesus' name (YHWH saves)
- To a first century Jew, it couldn't be more obvious, which is why the Jews tried to stone Him for blasphemy (**v.59**)
... this happened pretty frequently (**John 5:18, 10:31-33,39**).



THE LORD'S NAME

What does God's name "I AM THAT I AM" mean?

- Eternal, self-existent, self-defining being
- God identifies Himself as the Supreme Being and Ultimate Deity over everything—existence, time, space, matter, meaning, destiny, morality, etc.
- He is the essence of identity itself, the source of all being, completely incomprehensible, yet simple, perceptible, and intuitive to our fallen nature (**Acts 17:28; Romans 1:20**)



THE LORD'S NAME

What does God's name "I AM THAT I AM" mean?

- Anselm, 'God is the highest conceivable Being'
- He is simple and discernible, yet well beyond human comprehension, that is, our capacity to fully experience, reason, and understand Him—**His thoughts and ways are higher and holier than ours** (*Isaiah 55:6-9, Matthew 6:9*).



THE LORD'S NAME

What does God's name "I AM THAT I AM" mean?

- The name "I AM" implies all of this—a mysterious yet magisterial divine essence of Being—conveying that God is not contingent on anyone or anything else for His existence or identity or character, or even to know Himself.
- He simply is—eternal, uncreated, self-sufficient, transcendent, yet personal, relational, and immanent.



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INCOMPREHENSIBLE HOLINESS OF GOD'S NAME

“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The One sitting on it is called Faithful and True... and on His head are many diadems, and He has a name written that no one knows but Himself.”

Revelation 19:11-12

TAKING THE LORD'S NAME

What does “take” mean?

- In Hebrew, *nasa*, meaning, “to take, lift, carry; to bear (a burden), or take upon oneself; to support, sustain, or endure.”
- To “take the Lord’s name” implies actively bearing or representing God’s name, as ambassadors or children
- Speaking, invoking, and embodying God’s name with personal responsibility in all aspects of your life... *holding on to His name tight and right!*



TAKING THE LORD'S NAME

What does “take” mean?

- **2 Chronicles 7:14** — “If **My people who are called by My name** humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”



TAKING THE LORD'S NAME

What does “take” mean?

- Ever wonder why God renamed Abram and Sarai?
Abram = Abrah**am** (**Genesis 17:4**)
Sarai = Sarah (**Genesis 17:15**)
- In ancient Hebrew tradition, God added the Hebrew letter (H) as a divine marker representing God's own name.
- You are a child of Abraham (not Abram) of the promised gospel in Christ (**Romans 9:6-7; Galatians 3:7-9,16,26,29**)





DO YOU TAKE GOD'S NAME EVERYWHERE YOU GO?

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:17

TAKING THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN

What does “vain” mean?

- Empty, void, nothing
 - Meaningless, worthless, futile
 - False, deceptive, lie
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- Using God's name in an empty, false way (void of what it means)



TAKING THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN

How do you take His name “in vain”?

- Careless, frivolous, apathetic, indifferent, expletive, falsehoods or manipulative use of God's name, as if His name is not holy or honourable, i.e., “OMG!”
- Do not attribute falsehoods to God, i.e., “God told me...”, “Holy Spirit spoke to me...” or “Thus saith the Lord...”



TAKING THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN

How do you take His name “in vain”?

- False, vain, or insincere oaths/vows—invoking God falsely. I.e., swearing a stone is gold, swearing on your own life, or committing to a promise with “I swear to God I will do x”, or even misusing the Lord’s Prayer (incantation).
- **Presumptuousness!** Do not invoke God falsely, i.e., perjury profanes truth itself, and God is truth.



TAKING THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN

Matthew 5:34-37 — “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”



TAKING THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN

James 5:12 —But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

- **Speak plainly. Do not presume.**
- **God is truth. So be truthful.**



TAKING THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN

How do you take His name “in vain”?

- Hypocrisy or profaning God's reputation through actions — representing God's name as His people while living contrary to His moral character, i.e., idolatry, injustice, faithlessness, stubbornness, empty traditions of men, etc.
- As God's “name-bearers” we must live our lives reflecting YHWH's holiness, since He says, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:16; Leviticus 21:8; Exodus 19:6)

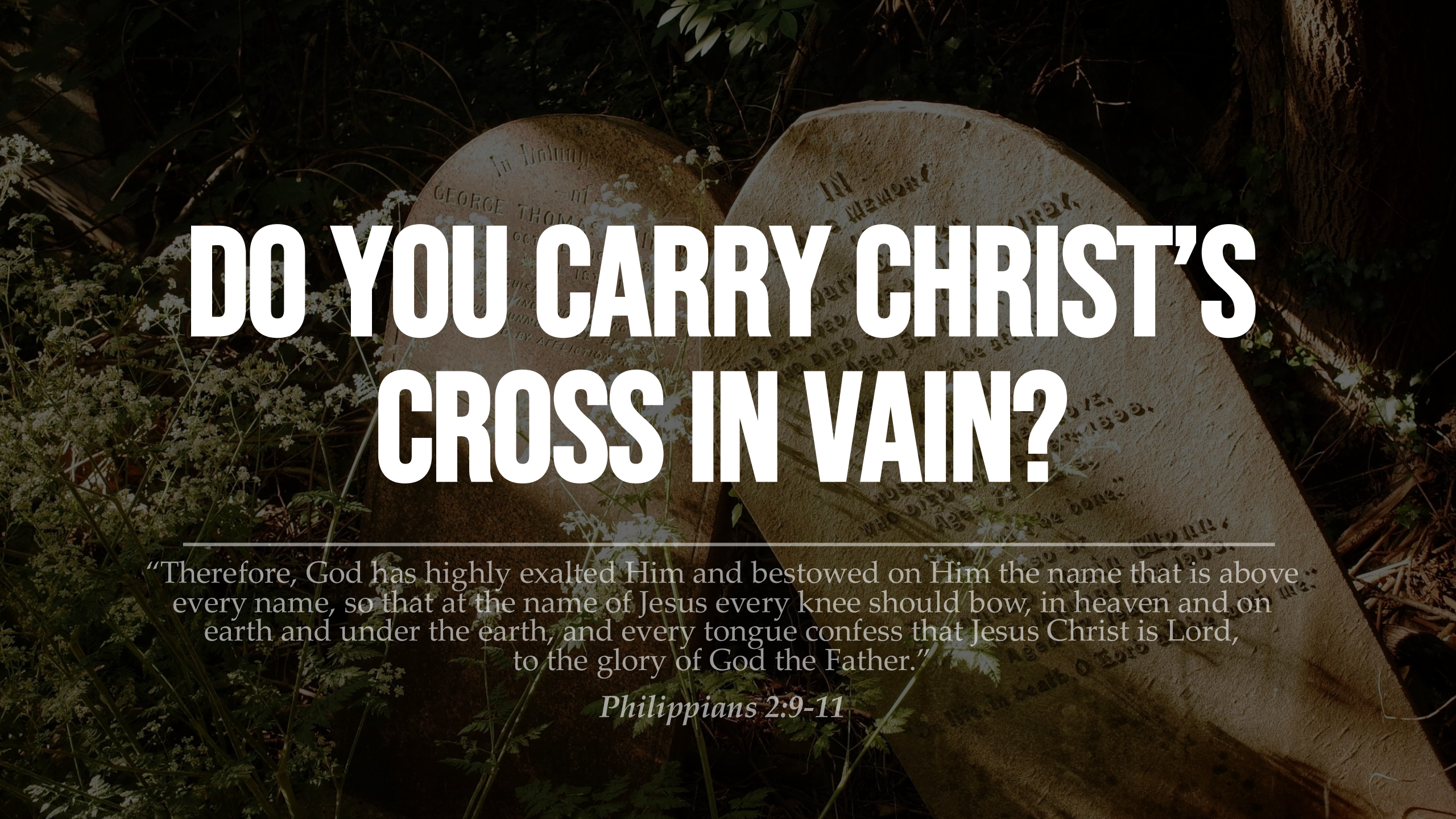


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DO YOU CARRY CHRIST'S NAME IN VAIN?

“Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:9-11



DO YOU CARRY CHRIST'S CROSS IN VAIN?

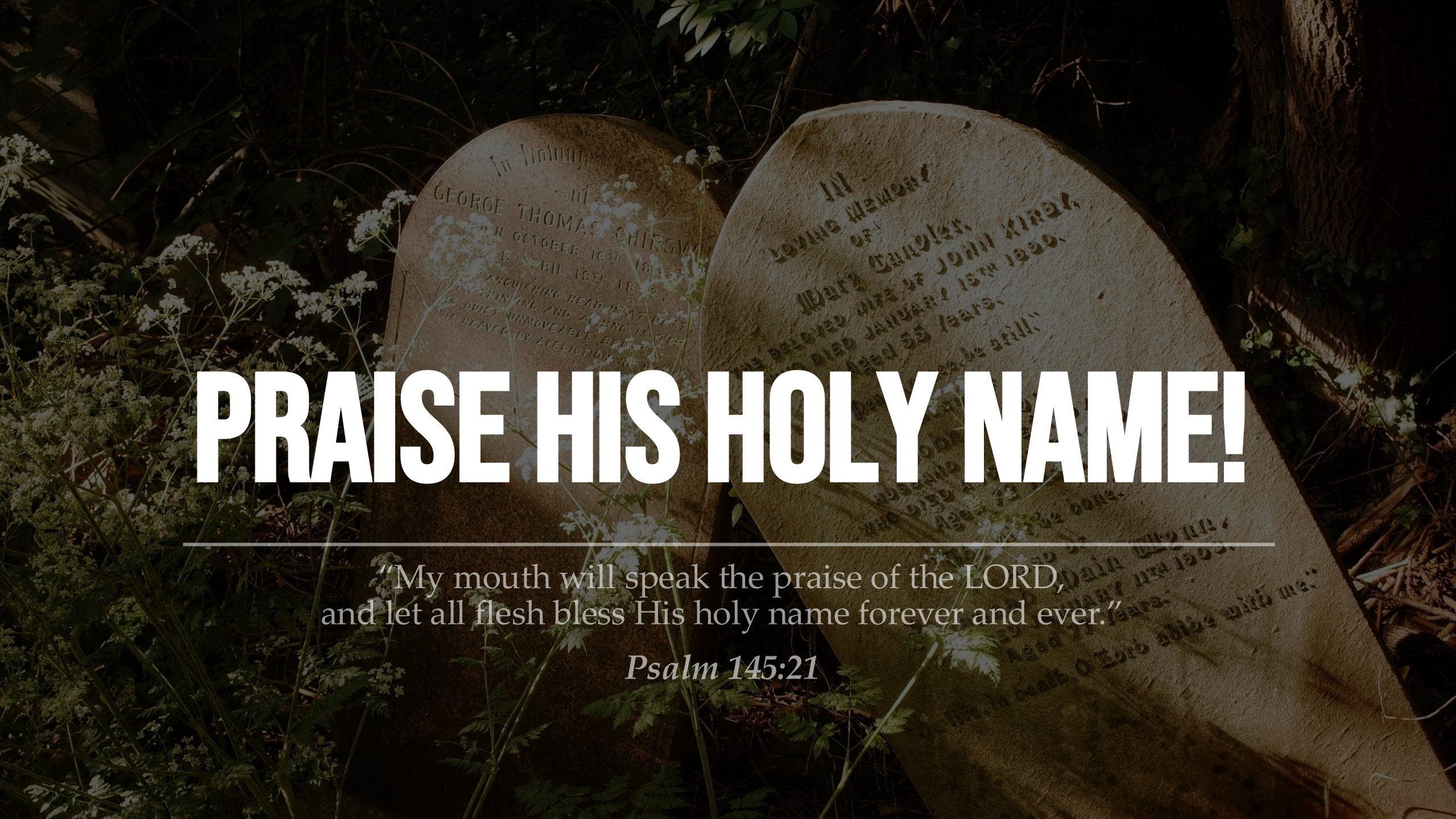
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NOT TAKING THE LORD'S NAME IN VAIN

Romans 10:9-13 — If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord [YHWH] and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. **For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**





PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!

"My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever."

Psalm 145:21

PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

Pastoral Prayer of Application of God's Word.

Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1

CALL THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer in the aisles — confession of sin, anointing of the sick, and pastoral intercession alongside communal prayer, praise, and worship.

James 5:13-16; Psalm 103:2-5

PSALM 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits,



PSALM 103:1-5

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.



JAMES 5:13-16

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.

Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.



JAMES 5:13-16

And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



THE SENDING SONG

The final song of service before the Lord sends us out.

Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20; Psalm 103:1-5, 150:1-6

BENEDICTION

Priestly Blessing

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May the glory and love of God the Father,
And the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the power and communion of the Holy Spirit,
Conform you into the image of His Son this week
Go in the joy that surpasses all understanding.
Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14, Philippians 4:7



FELLOWSHIP

Please check your bulletin for services this week.

