

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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REFLECTION

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered **together** was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

SONG

Only a Holy God

Dustin Smith, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make every king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendour outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

Chorus: Come and behold him,
the One and the Only.
Cry out; sing holy.
Forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer his only Son?
Who else invites me to call him Father?
Only a Holy God.
Only my Holy God.

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SONG

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure!
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life;
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom,
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death, and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
his wounds have paid my ransom.

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SONG

Living Hope

Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham

How great the chasm that lay between us!
How high the mountain I could not climb!
In desperation I turned to heaven
and spoke your name into the night.
Then through the darkness your loving-kindness
tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished; the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me his own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Praise the one who set me free.
Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, yours is the victory.

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PRAYER

BIBLE Acts 4:23-37

[23] When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. [24] And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, [25] who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

"Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?
[26] The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed' –

[27] for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, [28] to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. [29] And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, [30] while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." [31] And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. [32] Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. [33] And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. [34] There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold [35] and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. [36] Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, [37] sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. (ESV)

MESSAGE Boldly on Mission (together)

Harrison Spitler, Pastor of Adult Discipleship

SONG Goodness of God

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash,
Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

I love you, Lord.
Oh, your mercy never fails me.
All my days
I've been held in your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love your voice.
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night
you are close like no other.
I've known you as a father.
I've known you as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.

Chorus:

All my life you have been faithful.
All my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Bridge:

Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me.
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now.
I give you everything.
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me.

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BENEDICTION

Boldly on Mission (together)

Acts 4:23-37

1. Boldly Persecuted (together)

2. Boldly Praying (together)

3. Boldly Proclaiming Gospel (together)

4. Boldly Providing (together)