

**Life-Saving Grace Sourced In Christ:
Pentecost Preaching Rescued (Luke 22:31-34 & Acts 4:8-13)**

- I. So That A Wayward Sheep Is Rescued (Luke 22:31-34 & Luke 24:34)
- II. And The Gospel Boldly Preached (Acts 2:40-42 & Acts 4:13)
- III. Because Christ Intervenes to Rescue At Just The Right Time
- IV. 1. Ask for the Courage for the Word to Work Through Us!
We project onto Jesus our skewed instincts about how the world works. Human nature dictates that the wealthier a person, the more they tend to look down on the poor. The more beautiful a person, the more they are put off by the ugly. And without realizing what we are doing, we quietly assume that One so high and exalted has corresponding difficulty drawing near to the despicable and unclean. Sure, Jesus comes close to us, we agree - but He holds His nose. This risen Christ, after all, is the one whom “God has highly exalted.” (But) Jesus does not simply meet us at our place of need; He lives in our place of need. He never tires of sweeping us into His tender embrace. It is His very heart. It is what gets Him out of bed in the morning. Ortlund, *Gentle & Lowly* p 23
2. All the story of the church is filled with instances of persons mean in their outward condition, timorous by nature, and unaccustomed to dangers, unlearned and low in their natural abilities, who, in the face of rulers and potentates, in the sight of prisons, tortures, fires (all provided for their destruction) have pleaded the cause of the gospel with courage and success, to the astonishment and confusion of their adversaries. Neither shall any disciple of Christ in the same situation lack similar assistance.
John Owen, Vol IV, *Works*, p 363

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MORNING WORSHIP

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GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude

Announcements & Silent Reflection

Salutation & Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Song**

*Before The Throne of God Above
3 Covenant Praises (all verses)*

1 Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Chorus

Hallelujah My life is found in Jesus Christ
Hallelujah For I am His and He is mine

2 When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

3 Behold Him there the risen Lamb My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

4 I bow before the cross of Christ And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed To make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love

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Invocation & Reading of God's Law Zechariah 3:1-5 (p 944 pew Bible)

Confession of Sin (unison) Psalm 39:7-13 (p 553 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 39:13 (p 560 pew Bible)

We Petition God Congregational Prayer

Offering & Hymn *Holy Ghost Dispel Our Sadness*
330 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-2)

1 Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness, pierce the clouds of sinful night;
come, O source of sweetest gladness, breathe your life and spread your light.
Loving Spirit, God of peace, great distributor of grace,
rest upon this congregation; hear, O hear our supplication.

2 From that height which knows no measure, as a gracious show'r descend;
bringing down the richest treasure man can wish or God can send.
Heav'nly Glory, shining down from the Father and the Son,
grant us your illumination; rest upon this congregation.

* *Gloria Patri* #735 *Trinity Hymnal*

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

* **Hymn of Preparation** *I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say*
304 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done. **

Prayer For Illumination

Gospel Reading Luke 22:31-34 (p 1048 pew Bible)

Sermon Text Acts 4:8-13 (p 1083 pew Bible)

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Prayer of Application

* **Closing Hymn** *Arise, My Soul, Arise*
#305 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears:
the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

2 He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
his all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
his blood atoned for ev'ry race, his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3 Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

4 My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.**

* **Benediction**

* *Doxology* #731 *Trinity Hymnal*

* Please stand if able

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