

Welcome to Bethany's time of
PRAISE & WORSHIP

7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder
you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive

Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

Bridge

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
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Bridge

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me
(REPEAT)

Sing a little louder, I raise a hallelujah

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**WELCOME!
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS
& ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION**

A LITANY FOR EPIPHANY

P: The light of God has come into our world, to
proclaim God's justice and love. It has overcome
the darkness and brought new life.

C: Come and see the grace of God!

P: Christ our king has redeemed the world. He
draws us into a loving family from every tribe and
family and culture.

C: Come and follow the King of kings!

P: The Spirit has equipped us for service to love our
neighbors as we do ourselves and even to love our
enemies.

C: Tell all the world of God's great love!

“Better is One Day”

Verse 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied,
within Your presence,
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Refrain

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere. *Repeat*

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek;
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells. *Refrain*

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out for You,
the living God;
Your spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen,
Come once again to me;
I will draw near to You,
I will draw near to You...to You.

Refrain

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PRAYER FOR TODAY

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace,
that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where
there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair,
hope. Grant, O Divine master, that we make seek to
console, to understand, and to love in your name,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS

Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC: Bell Choir
“Morning Has Broken”

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Congregation sings at beginning and at close:

**Hear, oh Lord, the sound of my call
Hear, oh Lord, and have mercy.
My soul is longing for the glory of you.
Oh hear, oh Lord, and answer me.**

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Responses between petitions:

L: ... Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Create in Me"

Refrain

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me. *Repeat*

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 6: 27-36

MESSAGE

COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor continues with Jesus' Words of Institution

HOLY COMMUNION

"You Are My King"

Verse 1

I'm forgiven , Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted; You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died, And rose again.

Refrain

Amazing love, How can it be
That you, my King, Would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true,
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do, I honor You. *Repeat*

(Ending)

You are my King,
You are my King,
Jesus, You are my King,
Jesus, You are my King

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BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be, live as, and make disciples of
Jesus Christ...with enthusiasm!

C: Thanks be to God! And we will...