

HALLELUJAH ANYHOW (MARTYRDOM)

JULY 14 - 8AM

ACTS



Hearing assisted devices are available at the sound booth.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW 793

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Lord,

help us to imitate what we worship, and so learn to love even our enemies, for we learn today of a man who knew how to pray even for his persecutors. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

ELW 697

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A READING FROM ACTS 6:1-12; 7:54-60

¹Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ²And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." ⁵What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. ¹¹Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." ¹²They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council.

⁵⁴When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶Look, he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ACTS OF RESURRECTION

REFLECTION

Pastor John Anderson

SONG OF THE DAY

"By All Your Saints in Warfare"

LBW 177

OFFERING PRAYER

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

Let us pray...

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, take and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me. In Christ's Holy name we pray. **Amen.**

BLESSING and SENDING for the ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

ELW 623

SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us:

Sunday, July 21

8am & 10am Worship

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



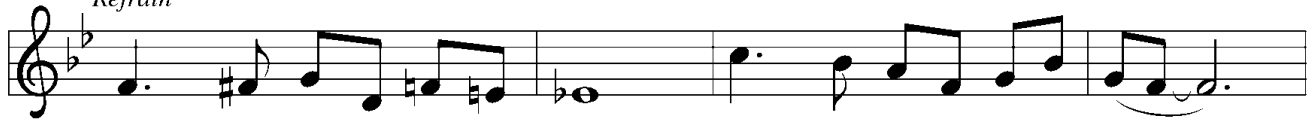
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

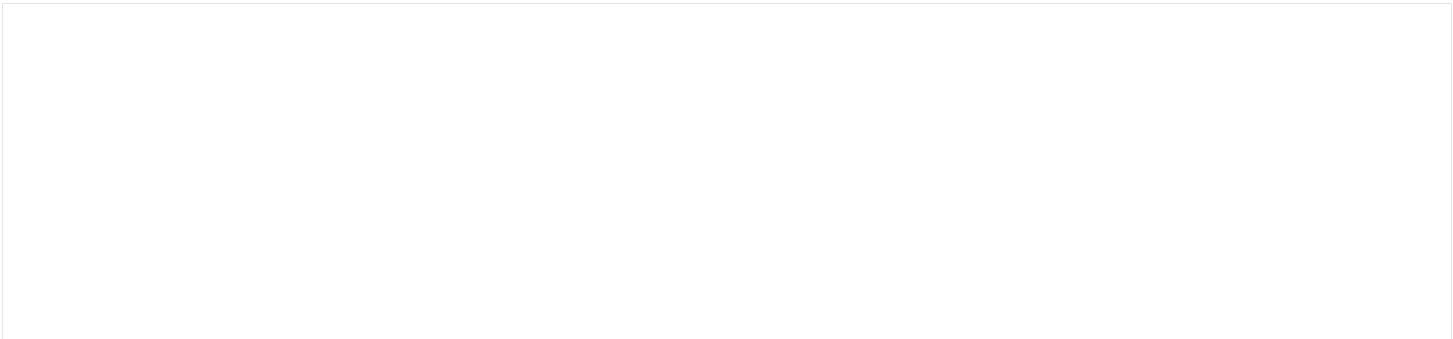


Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional

Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional



By All Your Saints in Warfare

St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr



1 By all your saints in war - fare, for all your saints at rest,
2 Praise for the first of mar - tyrs who saw you read - y stand
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blest!
to help in time of tor - ment, to plead at God's right hand.
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you have won the bat - tle that they might wear the crown;
They share with him who, stead - fast, in death their mas - ter own,
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and now they shine in glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
on earth the faith - ful wit - ness, on high the mar - tyr's crown.
as - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.

Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

Thank You, Lord, for the open doors of the Church. Thank You for the exuberant little ones, for the faithful retired attendees. Thank You for the piano playing, the guitar tuning up, the voices of all ranges reaching the roofs. Thank You for all who lead us in Worship. Thank You for Your Word remaining the same all over the world. Thank You for the body coming alongside us. Thank You for loving us through the Church. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, please be with our Youth and their Leaders as they attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Keep them safe, draw them into Holy fellowship with other believers, and strengthen their faith so that they may return with a renewed boldness to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all whom they meet. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, give us the boldness of Stephen in the face of persecution. Be with those around the world who are persecuted for what they believe. Help us to be bold witnesses to Christ in a world to often uninterested in hearing the message of Jesus. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, today we lift up to you all who are hurting in mind, body, or Spirit. We pray especially for *Kathy, Carol, Dana, Marcia, John, Jeanne, Heather, Betty, Florence, Bob, Myrna, Jim and Mark.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, take and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me. In Christ's Holy name we pray. **Amen.**