



SERVICE ORDER

23rd Nov 2025
SUNDAY SERVICE

Legend @: 830am, #: 11am

Prelude
Welcome and announcement

PRESENTING OURSELVES BEFORE GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 103)

L = Leader, C = Congregation, A = All

L: Praise the LORD, O my soul; All my inmost being, praise his holy name.

C: Praise the LORD, O my soul; And forget not all his benefits.

L: He forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases.

C: And crowns our lives with love and compassion And satisfies our desires with good things

L: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, Slow to anger, abounding in love.

C: Praise the LORD, for all his works; Praise him everywhere in his dominion.

Opening prayer

Opening Hymn “@How Great Thou Art # Be Thou my vision”

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, you are our great and compassionate Lord, slow to anger, and abounding in love. You forgive our sins, disciplines and corrects us, so that our lives can bear much spiritual fruit. We confess our pride and our ingratitude, our failures and our waywardness. We often ignore your commands, spurn Jesus' sacrifice, and grieve the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, O Lord, we pray. Cleanse our hearts. Renew our minds. Grant to us deeper faith to truly serve and follow you. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of pardon

Passing of peace

PREPARATION TO HEAR THE WORD

Song of Worship

@ Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Come thou fount of every blessing, Christ our hope in life and death

Scripture reading
Message

Acts 12:1-24 (NIV)
The unstoppable good news of Jesus

@Eu Cheng #Emma Lee
Rev Eugene Hor

RESPONSE TO GOD

Song of response & offering of Gift “@The Solid Rock # His mercy is more”
Doxology & Prayer of Consecration

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Elder Mei-lynn, Elder Hoe Pin

Closing Hymn

“@We Three Kings # There is one gospel”

Benediction

Rev Zadok Jeevan

Dismissal

Postlude

The Unstoppable Good News Of Jesus

Acts 12:1-24

Introduction

... a culture that's increasingly and openly hostile to the Christian faith

Acts gives us an account of:

- i. The growth of the early Christian church cf. Acts 1:8
- ii. The cultural challenges the early Christian church faced
- iii. The hostility the early Christian church faced and how they responded cf. Acts 4, 7, 8:1-2

A King Who Rages Against God's People vv.1-4

Persecution and a public execution ... an attempt to silence the Christian voice

A Church Who Prays For Rescue v.5

A king wielding the power of the sword, chains and prison ... a church in prayer depending on the power of God

Whenever you find the church facing hostility, you find the people of God praying!
cf. Daniel 2:20-21; Acts 2:23-24; 4:31

A Rescue In Response To Prayer vv.6-17 cf. 5:18-20; 16:23-29

The light of God's grace powerfully strikes Peter!

In religion and secularism rescue comes from looking within ... what you must do.

In Christianity rescue comes from looking to God who acts to save you in Jesus!

Excursus: Herod's prized prisoner is missing ... vv.18-19

A King Who's Struck Down vv.20-23

God's Word Continues Spreading And Flourishing v.24

The chapter opens with James dead, Peter in prison and Herod triumphant. It closes with Herod dead, Peter free, and the word of God triumphant!

Conclusion

1. God's mission to see the good news of Jesus made known will not be stopped ... the enemies of God and his people will not prevail.
2. God can deliver in the present if he so chooses. He will bring his purposes to pass in the witness of those who suffer for their faith and in the witness of those who are delivered because of their faith
3. There is a higher throne we must look up to in prayer whenever we face hostility as followers of Jesus