

The Church of Julian Estates / Bonaventure

14 January 2024, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Our Worship Leaders today are Mike Fenimore and Ron Heilman

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: Amazing Grace

Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved
a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now I'm found;

Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed!

Verse 3

Through many dangers, toils, and snares

I have already come;

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

Verse 4

The Lord has promised good to me;

His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures.

Prayer of the Day: (We Pray Together): Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We Hear and Read God's Word

First reading: 1Samuel 3:1-10

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. **3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

4 Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" **5** and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call,

my son; lie down again." **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. **9** Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'"

So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

(The word of the Lord) **C: Thanks be to God**

This Reading is from the Book of Psalms, the 139th Psalm vs 1-6, 13-18 (To be read responsively)

R: ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

C: ² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

R: ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

C: ⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

R: ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

C: ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

R: ¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

C: ¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

R: ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

C: ¹⁶ **Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.**

R: ¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

C: ¹⁸ **If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.**

(Here ends this reading)

The Holy Gospel According to: John1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is

no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

(The Gospel of the Lord) C: **Praise to you O Christ**

Message

Hymn of the Day: Jesus Name above all Names

Verse 1

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Verse 2

Jesus, loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the world

Verse 3

Jesus, Way of salvation
King of kings, Lord Of Lords,
The way the truth and the Life,
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer Requests: Leader: Lord in your mercy. Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Holy Communion: Separate sheet

The Lord's Prayer: Separate sheet

Closing Hymn: Because He Lives

Verse 1

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove My Savior lives

Chorus

Verse 2

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because He lives. **Chorus**

Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He lives. **Chorus**

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

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Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Worship Leader: Go in Peace and serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

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