

8AM Traditional Service, St John's Dalby

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AMAZING GRACE

John Newton

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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand
years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

In the Public Domain

Prayer of Preparation

[Let us pray.]

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel. Mark 1.15

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day

Bountiful God,
through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom: teach us, like Christ's first apostles, to hear the call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1st Reading

1 Corinthians 7.29-31

²⁹ What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; ³⁰ those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; ³¹ those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

End of the reading

Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62.5-12

⁵ Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God: for from him comes my hope.

⁶ **He only is my rock and my salvation: my strong tower, so that I shall not be moved.**

⁷ In God is my deliverance and my glory: God is my strong rock and my shelter.

⁸ **Trust in him at all times, O my people: pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**

⁹ The children of Adam are but breath, the children of earth are a lie: place them in the scales and they fly upward, they are as light as air.

¹⁰ **Put no trust in extortion, do not grow worthless by robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.**

¹¹ God has spoken once, twice have I heard him say: that power belongs to God,

¹² **That to the Lord belongs a constant goodness: for you reward each one of us according to our works.**

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Reginald Heber/John Bacchus Dykes

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
God everlasting through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy!
though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy,
there is none beside thee,
perfect in power,
in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty!
God in three persons,
blessèd Trinity!

In the Public Domain

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The deacon says

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according Mark Chapter 1 beginning at the
21st verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 1:21-45

“As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.”

Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Kid’s Talk

Sermon

THE BAPTISM

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

We baptise William today in obedience that command.

Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus’ death makes possible,

and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit.

Children are baptised in response to God’s all embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring their children for baptism. Before this congregation they must express their own trust and commitment to the promises of God, and their intention to bring up their children in the faith and practice of the Church. In due time these children should make their own response to God, and be prepared for confirmation.

In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

So we welcome you, William, with your parent’s, godparents, and family. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God’s love and faithfulness for ever.

I now invite your sponsors to present you.

(Turning to the sponsor the minister says)
Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing William for baptism?
We will.

By your own prayers and example, by your friendship and love, will you encourage William in the life and faith of the Christian community?
I will, with God’s help.

(Turning to the family and godparents)
Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.
Do you repent of your sins?
I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

(To sponsors)

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

We will!

Let us pray.

Grant, merciful God, that William may be so buried with Christ in baptism that the new nature may be raised up in him. May the fruit of your Spirit grow and flourish in him.

Give his parents, godparents and family the desire to share with him what you have revealed in your holy gospel. May he know Christ's forgiving love and continue in the fellowship and service of his Church. May he proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ.

We thank you for the ministry we have in your world and to each other in the household of faith. Hasten that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in Christ.

Amen.

(Coming to the water)

We thank you God for your love in all

creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel; through the Red Sea waters you led them to freedom in the promised land.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism.

He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all.

It is Christ who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Amen come Holy Spirit.

We thank you that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life.

In the new covenant we are made members of your Church and share in your eternal kingdom.

Through your Holy Spirit, fulfil once more your promises in this water of rebirth, set apart in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in God the Son?

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 from the

**dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father; from there he will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

This is what we believe in the church.

This is our faith:

We believe in one God:

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE BAPTISM

William, I baptise you in the name of the
Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

God has brought you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory
of God the Father.**

God has called you into his Church.

**We therefore receive and welcome
you as a member with us of the body of
Christ, as a child of the one heavenly
Father, and as an inheritor of the
kingdom of God.**

As the community of faith, we rejoice at
this baptism and will share
with William what we ourselves have
received: a delight in prayer, a love for the

word of God, a desire to follow the way of
Christ, and food for the journey.

William, you are now a pilgrim with us.
May you grow in the Holy Spirit, fulfil your
ministry and follow Christ your whole life
long.

God bless you with wisdom and love, may
this child find in you, your homes and
families, Christ's love and understanding.
Amen.

God of love,

**we thank you for our calling to be
disciples of Christ. Help us to
nurture *William* in the faith we share.
May he grow in love, faithfulness and in
his service to you, bringing life to the
world. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the
Church.

The Prayers

Prayers conclude

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who taught us to pray, **Our
Father in heaven, hallowed be your
name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us
our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Invitation to Confession

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Silence may be kept.

Confession

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Peace is said with no hand shaking

BECAUSE HE LIVES

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God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
he came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
an empty grave is there to prove my
Saviour lives.

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.

How sweet to hold a new-born 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

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he
lives.

Chorus

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OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these
gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us.

You anointed him as Messiah, the light of the nations, and revealed him as the hope of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying,

'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer after Communion

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

Prayer of self offering

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you, that your lives may be a light to the world;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen

GOD GIVES US A FUTURE

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God gives us a future,
daring us to go
into dreams and dangers
on a path unknown.
We will face tomorrow
in the Spirit's power,
we will let God change us,
for new life starts now.

We must leave behind us
sins of yesterday,
for God's new beginning
is a better way.
Fear and doubt and habit
must not hold us back:
God gives hope, and insight,
and the strength we lack.

Holy Spirit, teach us
how to read the signs,
how to meet the challenge
of our troubled times.
Love us into action,
stir us into prayer,
till we choose God's life, and
find our future there.

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