

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAY 16, 2021 —9:00AM ONLINE SERVICE — THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OPENING HYMN

What a Beautiful Name

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Verse 1: You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ.

Chorus 1: What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

Verse 2 : You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus You brought heaven down.
My sin was great Your love was greater, What could separate us now.

Chorus 2: What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

Bridge: Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory. For You are raised to life again.

Bridge: You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God You reign. Yours is the kingdom Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

Chorus 3: What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against. What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus.

Ending: What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus. What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

REFLECTION HYMN

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Hymnal #200

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness: loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters, led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen; all the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from his light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal: but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace

Hymnal #671

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am 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!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that 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'd first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790;
compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus

The Epistle – 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

PSALM: Psalm 1

- ¹ *Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!*
- ² *Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.*
- ³ *They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.*
- ⁴ *It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.*
- ⁵ *Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.*
- ⁶ *For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.*

Holy Gospel – John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed for his disciples saying,] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”