

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

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.

Chorus: My chains are gone. I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, his mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

Verse 1, Chorus

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

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1. Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in- the lost and forsaken, Gather us in- the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young- our lives are a myst'ry, We are the old- who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in- the rich and the haughty, Gather us in- the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining, Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever, Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in- all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Acclamation

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Gloria

Christopher Grundy

Glory to the Creator, and the Christ and the Spirit so near, as it was from the start so it shall be forever – one God, always here. (repeat) One God, always here, one God, always here.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading: *Jeremiah 23:23-29* - ²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Psalm: *Psalms 82*

¹*God takes his stand in the council of heaven; * he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:*

²*"How long will you judge unjustly, * and show favor to the wicked?"*

³*Save the weak and the orphan; * defend the humble and needy;*

⁴*Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver them from the power of the wicked.*

⁵*They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; * all the foundations of the earth are shaken.*

⁶*Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;*

⁷*Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.'"*

⁸*Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.*

The Second Reading: *Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. ^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sequence Hymn

Here in this Place

Christopher Grundy

Holy Gospel: *Luke 12:49-56*

[Jesus said,] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say,

'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Gospel Response – *Here in this Place*

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

Presider or deacon

In peace. . . , We pray to the Lord in your mercy by saying, "We pray to you O Lord."

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Save Us, O Lord (Text: Psalm 80)

Dufford

Refrain: Save us, O Lord; carry us back. Rouse your power and come. Rescue your people; show us your face. Bring us back.

Verse 1: O Shepherd of Israel, hear us. Return and we shall be saved. Arise, O Lord; Hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back!

Verse 2: How long will you hide from your people? We long to see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us. Lord God of hosts!

Verse 3: Turn again; care for your vine; Protect what your right hand has planted. Your vineyards are trampled, uprooted, and burned. Come to us, Father of might!

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer I from *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of love and justice,
the universe is overflowing with your glory!
Blessed is the one who comes here in your name!
Hosanna in the highest, alleluia!* Christopher Grundy

Celebrant Blessed are you . . .

. . . Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection . . .

. . . Glory and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

What Grace is Mine

Verse 1: What grace is mine That He who dwells in endless light
Called through the night To find my distant soul
And from His scars Poured mercy that would plead for me
That I might live And in His name be known

Chorus: So I will go wherever He is calling me. I lose my life to find my life in Him.
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies. I bow my heart take up my cross and follow Him

Verse 2: What grace is mine To know His breath alive in me
Beneath His wings My wakened soul may soar
All fear can flee For death's dark night is overcome
My Saviour lives And reigns forevermore

Ending: I bow my heart take up my cross and follow Him

Sending Forth

Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Music

Life is a Ballgame

Sister Winona Carr

Refrain: Life is a ballgame bein' played each day. Life is a ballgame. Ev'rybody can play. Yeah, you know Jesus standin' at the home plate. He's a waitin' for you there. You know, life is a ballgame, but you got to play it fair.

Verse 1: First base is the Bible. You know the Second base – a hymn. Third base is your prayer time these'll help you make it in. Ol man Solomon is the umpire, and Greed is pitchin' the game. He'll do his best to strike you out just keep playin' just the same. (Refrain)

Verse 1 repeated

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

Life is a Ballgame



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