

JANUARY 17, 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GATHERING HYMN *Amazing Grace* by John Newton, 1773

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

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come
'Twas grace has brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us 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've first begun

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INTRODUCTORY RESPONSES

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
**in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The people sit.

First Reading: First Book of **Samuel (3.1-10)**

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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! Samuel!"^[a] 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 The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up 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 The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up 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 is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

PSALM 139

- 1 O God, you have searched me out and known me;*
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places*
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,*
but you know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before*
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;*
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit?*
where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;*
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning*
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me*
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,*
and the light around me turn to night,"**
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;*
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;*
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvellously made;*
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you,*
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;*
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!*
how great is the sum of them!**
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;*
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;*
try me and know my restless thoughts.**
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me*
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

**Glory to God our Creator, to God's most Holy Word,
and to the Spirit, indwelling:***
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

May Christ be with you **And also with you.**
The Holy Gospel according to John **Glory to you O Christ.**

Gospel: **John (1:43-51)**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you,^[a] you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to you O Christ**

SERMON

The people sit.

HYMN *Listening* by Lea Morris

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in God.

**Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing
that comes from heaven.**

**God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless
and destined us to be beloved adopted children.**

**God revealed the divine hidden design to us:
to bring all things together in Christ,
the things in heaven along with the things on earth.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people stand, sit or kneel.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all creation,
**all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.**
**You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.**
**Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

May God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you Gracious God . . .
...to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. . .
. . .we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit . . .
. . . in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life
and that light is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

The Table is ready and all are welcome

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people stand.

We give you thanks, almighty God,
**that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN *His Eye is on the Sparrow* by Civilla Martin

Priest's Blessing: May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness and brighten you hearts with holiness; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

SENDING OUT

Go forth in peace and love, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit!
Thanks be to God.

Today's Worship Team
Presider – Emilie
Readers – Kore & Martha
Prayers – Bruce
Music - Patti