



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Communion Service

February 21, 2021—First Sunday in Lent

Prelude: “Amazing Grace”arr. Haan

Call to Worship: “Upon a Life” & Cross Processional

1. Upon a Life I have not lived,
Upon a Death I did not die,
Another’s Life; Another’s Death,
I stake my whole eternity.

2. Not on the tears which I have shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another’s tears; Another’s griefs,
On these I rest, on these alone.

Chorus:

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what Thy
cross has done for me;
There both my death and life I read, my
guilt, and pardon there I see.

3. Lord, I believe; O deal with me,
As one who has Thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,
As one who has Thy gift received. **(Chorus)**

Welcome & *Greeting

***Sing: “10,000 Reasons”** Lift Up Your Hearts #559:1-3

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and
whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

2. You're rich in love
and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

3. And on that day
when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus + tag

***“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”** Lift Up Your Hearts #538:1-3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: “Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies Sake” ... Farrant/Heller

Lord, for Thy tender mercy’s sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,
to decline from sin and incline to virtue that we may walk
with a perfect heart, before Thee now and evermore.

Words of Assurance:

We are forgiven, through the blood of Jesus, when we truly repent for what we have done wrong, and then dedicate ourselves toward doing the opposite: testifying to the Light of Christ.

This prayer hearkens to Psalm 101, the prayer of a king promising to be faithful to God. All of his authority will be dedicated to honoring God. Those who do not care what God desires, or who actively choose evil, are shown the door. For him, it was that black and white. We are called to have “a perfect heart”: to love what is good and to pursue that; to worship God and care for our neighbor.

There’s some harsh language in this psalm, but I want you to hear it and consider how firm the divide is between purity and sinfulness.

Dedication: Psalm 101 NKJV

Song of Dedication: “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

1. I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back!

3. The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me.
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back!
No turning back, no turning back!
No turning back, no turning back!

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Children's Dismissal

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-25

Message: "How Shall We Then Live?"Pastor Laura deJong

Prayers of the People

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth,
made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin.

We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was exalted as King of the universe, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, HolyLift Up Your Hearts #538:4

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, blessed Trinity!

The Institution

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again.

At his last supper, the Lord Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,
"This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me."

For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (Corinthians 11:23-26).

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

GOD SENDS US TO SERVE IN HIS LIGHT AND LOVE

Congregation in Christ, since the Lord has fed us at his table,
let us praise his holy name with thanksgiving.

Response from Psalm 103:

**Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion.**

***Song of Response: “Amazing Grace”** Lift Up Your Hearts **#691**

1. 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.
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!
3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
5. 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.

*Blessing

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Chorus

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Postlude: “Fugue in G Minor” Bach

Participants:

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