

**Order of Service for the 4th Sunday in Lent  
March 22nd 2020**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONG**

*“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”*

**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 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

**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 *(Repeat)*

**Verse 4**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with you there is forgiveness: therefore, you are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. It is my privilege as a called and ordained servant of Christ to announce God's grace to all of you. All of our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY (from Psalms 25 and 27)

P: Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy. Lord have mercy**

P: My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

**C: for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**

P: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**C: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

P: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**C: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

P: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**C: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray; Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your

benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

*“Great Are You Lord”*

### **Verse**

You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
great are You Lord

### **Chorus**

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

*(Repeat Verse & Chorus Again)*

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## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 42:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup> I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup> And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. <sup>17</sup> They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” Israel's Failure to Hear and See <sup>18</sup> Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! <sup>19</sup> Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? <sup>20</sup> He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. <sup>21</sup> The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even

to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

<sup>1</sup> As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”*

**Verse 1**

There's a place  
Where mercy reigns and never dies  
There's a place  
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

**Chorus**

At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white  
I owe all to You I owe all to You Jesus

**Verse 2**

There's a place  
Where sin and shame are powerless  
Where my heart  
Has peace with God and forgiveness  
Where all the love I've ever found  
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

**Chorus**

At the cross at the cross  
I surrender my life  
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You  
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white  
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**MESSAGE**

**PRAYERS**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**BENEDICTION**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“My Lighthouse”

**Verse 1**

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Verse 2**

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Chorus**

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

**Verse 3**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Chorus**

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Text: \_\_\_\_\_

(Announced at beginning of the sermon)

What do you, in your own word, consider to be the main points of today's message?

What is one story, image, example or thought from the sermon that will help you remember the message of the sermon?

After hearing the sermon, I want to ask pastor or Joe.....