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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Blessed be the God who chose us in him
before the foundation of the world

That we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through
Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will
**to the praise of his glorious grace,
with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Text: Christian H. Bateman, 1893; Music: Traditional,

And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Chorus

Amazing love! How can it be,
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis myst'ry all, Th'Immortal dies: Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of live divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
(refrain)

He left his Father's throne above (So free, so infinite his grace!),
Humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free: For, O my God, it found out me.
(refrain)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fastbound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth,
and followed thee. *(refrain)*

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown,
through Christ, my own. *(refrain)*

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CONFESSION OF SIN

You O Lord are the only true source of hope.

**Forgive us Lord,
for we have acted as ones without hope.
We have let the details of painful moments
dominate the narrative of our lives.
Forgive us for closing our eyes and our hearts
to the truth of our hope in the resurrection of Christ.**

Hear our prayer, Lord.

Forgive us. We have run to idolatrous consolations, balms which cannot heal, but only numb the pain. Instead of submission for the sake of sanctification, we have denied that pain might have any place in our walks with you.

By closing our eyes to the hope we have in you, we have stopped our mouths from the praise and honor that is due you.

Open the eyes of our hearts to comprehend the imperishable reality of our inheritance in Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 1:4-8

In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Silas Ransom Michael Hard

Child of the Living God

You are a child of the living God. Praise the Lord, amen.

You are a child of the living God. Praise the Lord, amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are a child of the living God. Praise the Lord, amen.

Text/Melody: Rebecca Hard

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christians, what do you believe?

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.

Apostles Creed

RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Amazing Grace

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!

Thro’ many dangers toils and snares, I have already come;

‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,

I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

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.

Text: St. 1-5 John Newton, 1779; St. 6 A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790:

Music: AMAZING GRACE C.M., A traditional American Melody, Arr. By Edwin O. Excell, 1900.

SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 1:3-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Treasured Possession”

Pastor Ian Hard

[Please find the sermon outline and/or space for notes after the *Benediction* at the end of bulletin.]

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glori Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.

HYMN OF SENDING

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast. (*chorus*)

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last. (*chorus*)

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BENEDICTION

Sermon NOTES: A Treasured Possession