

The Fourth Sunday of

LENT

March 10, 2024

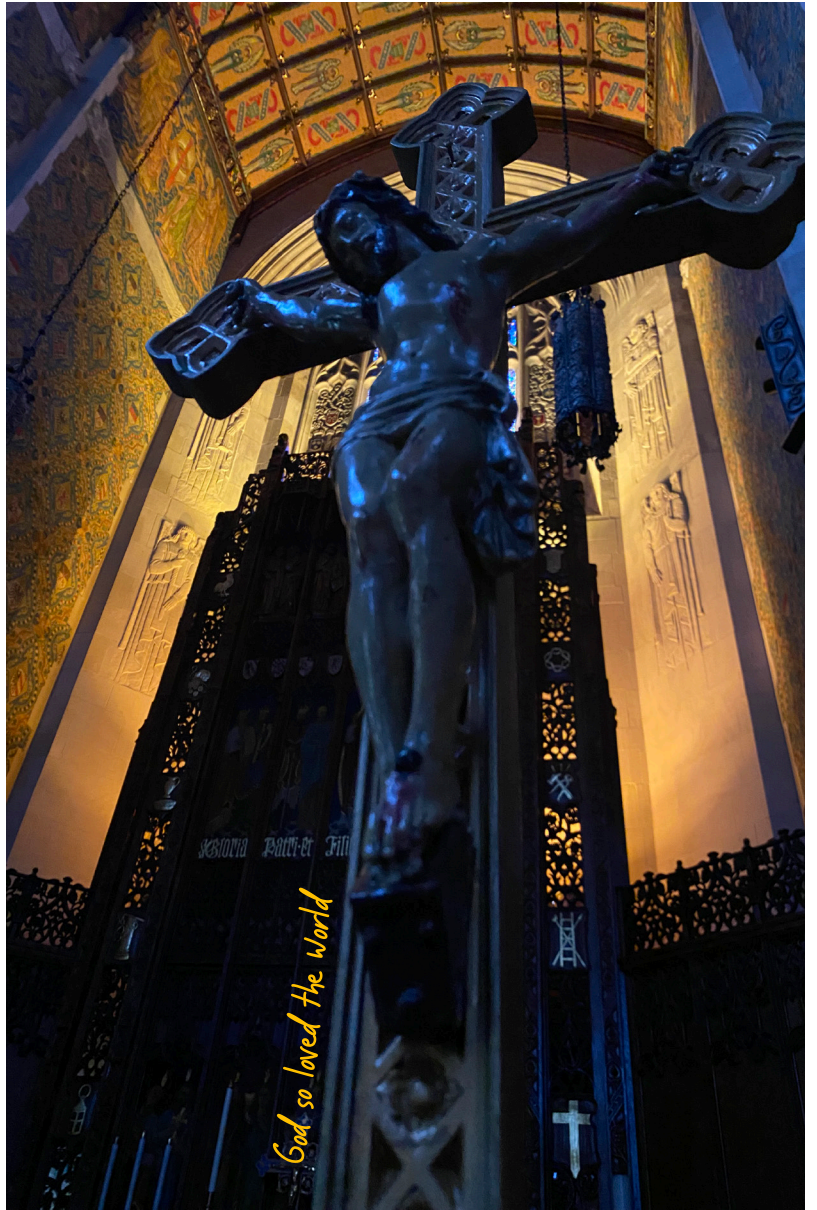


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PRELUDE

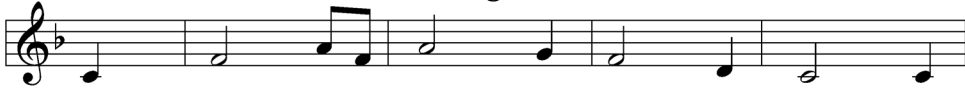
“Amazing Grace”

Gordon Young

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

INVOCATION Mt 28:19

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People:  Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES John 3:15-17

Pastor: As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

People: **that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.**

Pastor: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,

People: **that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

Pastor: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: **but to save the world through Him.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, looking to the cross of Jesus for forgiveness and healing. Holy and gracious God,

People: Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, and deeper than all our sin:

Pastor: Receive again your bewildered and broken people.

People: Forgive our folly and our excess, our coldness to human sorrow, our passion for things of the moment,

Pastor: Change our hearts and turn all our desires to your way,

People: that we may love what you love and do what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

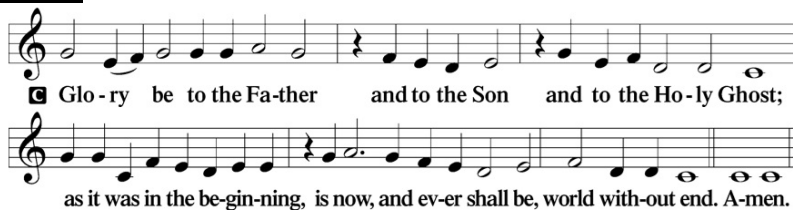
Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

THE INTROIT *Psalm 27:4-5; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor/Choir: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple. For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

THE GLORIA PATRI



♩ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE *(Spoken) Mt 9:27, 15:22, Rm 5:8, Jn 3:14*

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who saved us while we were still sinners,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, once lifted upon the tree of the cross,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent.

THE SALUTATION 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, out of love for the world You sent Your only Son to be lifted up on the cross. Grant that we would believe in Him unto eternal life, that we would be rescued from the poison of sin and death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 21:4-9

(The unbelief of God's people resulted in His judgment but the same Lord gave them healing and hope.)

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:4-10

(Once dead in trespasses and sin, the Lord has redeemed us by the gift of His grace in Christ, our Lord.)

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM @9am

“God So Loved the World”
(from “The Crucifixion”)

John Stainer
The Cathedral Choir

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

(God loved the world and gave His greatest gift.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

People:



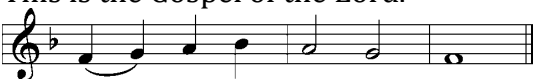
☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF THE LUTHERAN FAITH

Smalcald Articles. Part II, Article I: The first and chief article.

Pastor: That Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins, and was raised again for our justification (*Rom. 4:25*).

People: **He alone is the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world, (John 1:29); and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all (Is. 53:6).**

Pastor: Likewise: All have sinned and are justified without merit freely, and without their own works or merits by His grace,

People: **through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood (*Rm. 3:23ff*).**

Pastor: Now, since it is necessary to believe this, and it cannot be otherwise acquired or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us as St. Paul says, (*Rom. 3:28*):

People: **“For we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law”. Likewise: “That He might be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Christ.”** (*Rom. 3:26*)

Pastor: Of this article nothing can be yielded or surrendered, nor can anything be granted or permitted contrary to the same, even though heaven and earth, and whatever will not abide, should sink to ruin.

People” **“For there is none other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved”, says Peter** (*Acts 4:12*). **And with His stripes we are healed** (*Is. 53:5*).

Pastor: And upon this article all things depend which we teach and practice.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“My Song is Love Unknown”

LSB 430 v. 1-3, 5, 7



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a -
7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
way; A mur - der - er they save, The Prince of Life they
vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,
slay. Yet cheer - ful He To suf - f'ring goes
Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
That He His foes From thence might free.
I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

SERMON

“By Grace”

Ephesians 2:1, 2-4

*Rev. James Rolf, Cathedral Pastor
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

OFFERTORY *Ps 51:10-12*

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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VOLUNTARY

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Karl Osterland

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 forever and ever. Amen.

10:30am continues with the benediction

* The Order of Holy Communion *

@9:00am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People: 

☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People: 

☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People: 

☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love came to be lifted up on the pole of the cross for the salvation of the world so that all who believe in Him will not perish but have eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

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♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

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♩ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine and gluten free wafers in the center of each tray.

TWO STATION COMMUNION:

If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.

If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.

"When I Behold Jesus Christ"

LSB 542



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf - ered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor - tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



Refrain
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

DISMISSAL

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that in Your Supper we receive the benefits of the salvation Your Son earned for us on the cross. Strengthen us in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:  Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The ✱ Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People:

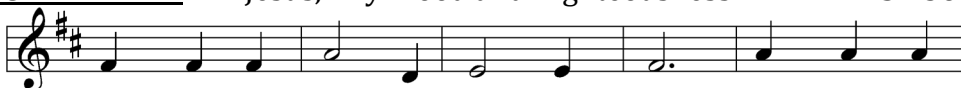


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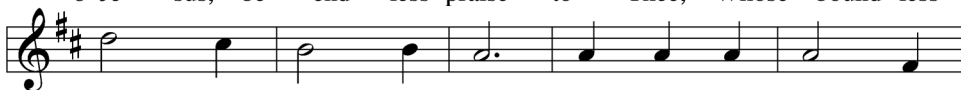
RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563 v. 1-4, 6



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -
6 Je - sus, be end - less praise to Thee, Whose bound - less



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives,
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a
mer - cy hath for me, For me, and all Thy



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.
hands have made, An ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in D Minor”

attributed to J. S. Bach

(BWV 554)

