

4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

8:00a & 10:30a

Morning Prayer p. 235

566 By Grace I'm Saved

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is

doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,

Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our

true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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Versicles

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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Psalmody

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

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C O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joy-ful noise to the rock of our sal-va - tion.

I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;
let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.

II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods.

I In His hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.

II The sea is His, for He made it;
and His hand formed the dry land.

I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;
let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.

II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple
of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

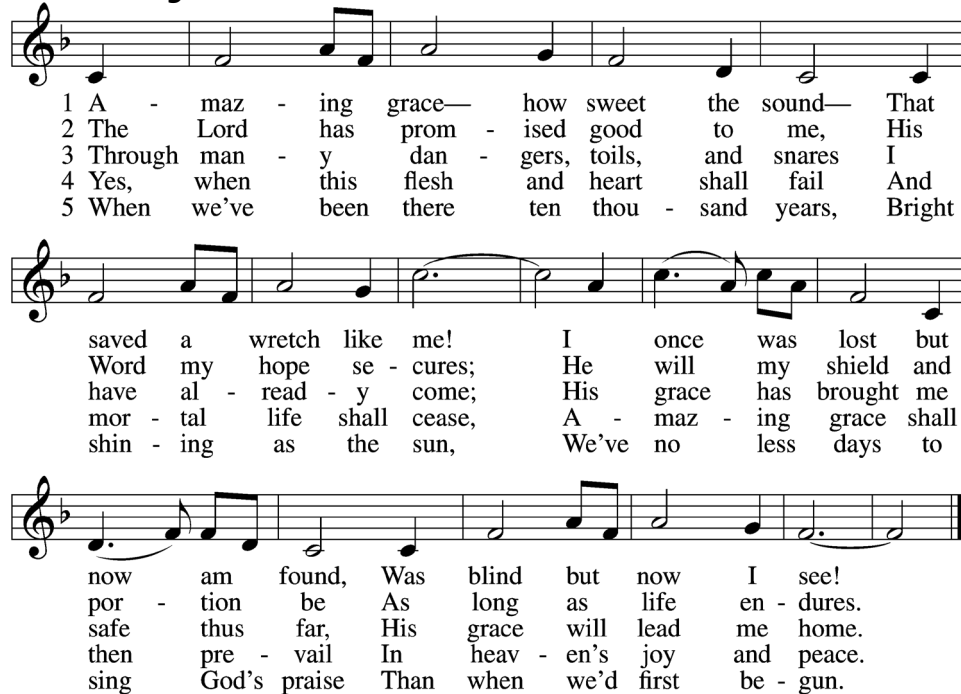
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm

Psalm 107:1-9; antiphon: v. 19

- P** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from distress.
- C** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
- P** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble
- C** and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- P** Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;
- C** hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- P** Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- C** He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.
- P** Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!
- C** For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
- C** 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.
- P** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from distress.

744 Amazing Grace



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.

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Readings

Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From 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. ⁵And 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.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And 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. ⁸And 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.” ⁹So 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.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

John 3:14–21

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that 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. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever 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. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessed Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon

Theme: "The Serpent and The Son"

Text: Numbers 21:4-9 & John 3:14-21

Canticle

Benedictus (L part sung by Pastor)

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Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;



He has come to His peo - ple and re - deemed them.



He has raised up for us a might - y Sav - ior,



born of the house of His ser - vant Da - vid.



Through His ho - ly proph - ets He prom - ised of old



that He would save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who



hate us. He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers



and to re - mem - ber His ho - ly cov - e - nant.



This was the oath He swore to our fa - ther A - bra - ham:



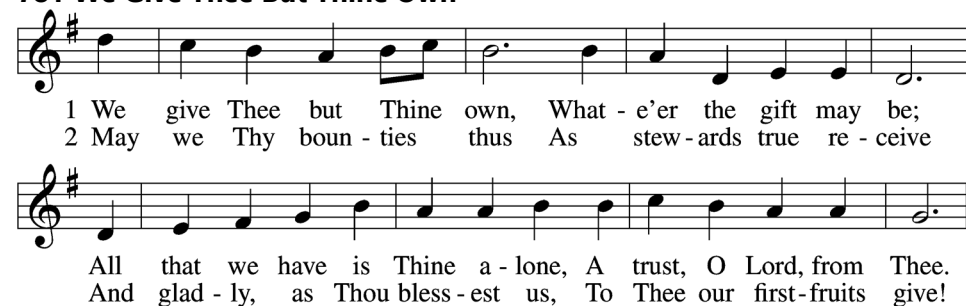
to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,
 free to wor - ship Him with - out fear, ho - ly and
 righ-teous in His sight all the days of our life.
 You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,
 for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre-pare His way,
 to give His peo-ple knowl-edge of sal-va - tion by the for-give-ness
 of their sins. In the ten-der com-pas-sion of our God,
 the dawn from on high shall break up - on us
 to shine on those who dwell in dark-ness and the shad-ow of death
 and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the
 Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning,
 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Presentation of our Offerings & Gifts to the Lord

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive
 All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Prayer

Collects

Petitions ending in...

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day

L 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.

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

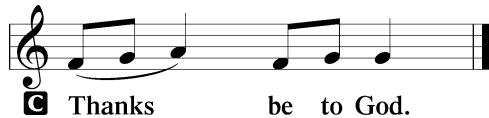
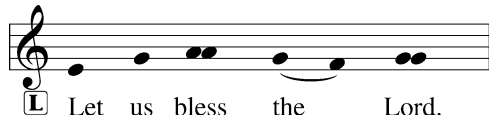
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L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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.

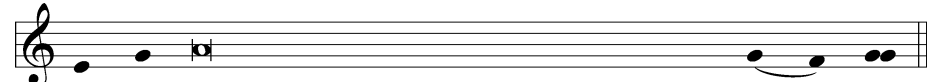
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Benediction

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P The al - mighty and merciful Lord, the Father,
the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

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