

# **BAS Service of the Word for Kingdomtide**

Amazing Grace CP 352

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!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

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.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

We give thanks to you, Lord God, that we are gathered together on the traditional territory of the Sto:lo, the people of the river. Guide us with your spirit of reconciliation as we work to build relationships and tear down stereotypes.

Let us pray. God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good,
to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Creator, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Creator, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Creator, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Creator, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and take for granted for the world you have made.

Creator, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for only ourselves, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Creator, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen** 

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

May the Peace of God be with you. And also with you.

### From the Falter of Breath CP 489

From the falter of breath, through the silence of death, to the wonder that's breaking beyond,
God has woven a way, unapparent by day,
for all those of whom heaven is fond.

From frustration and pain, through hope hard to sustain, to the wholeness here promised, there known, Christ has gone where we fear and has vowed to be near on the journey we make on our own.

From the dimming of light, through the darkness of night, to the glory of goodness above,

God the Spirit is sent to ensure heaven's intent is embraced and completed in love.

From today till we die, through all questioning why, to the place from which time and tide flow, angels tread on our dreams, and magnificent themes of heaven's promised are echoed below.

Let us pray. Creator of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Listen for God's word. Our hearts are open.



I love the Lord who has heard the voice of my supplication,

who has listened to me whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me;

the grip of the grave took hold of me; \* I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

"O Lord, I pray you, save my life." R

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and the Lord helped me. R

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

For you, O Lord, have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling. RR

# 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Listen for God's word. Our hearts are open.

May God be with you. And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

# Gospel: John 11:21-27

Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

The Gospel of Christ. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Sermon

Let us confess our faith as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

On this day, we are called to remember those who have died, particularly those who have died in the past year, and to pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving creator.

Because your son taught us to call the stranger neighbor, our fallen are many: names we will never know, voices we have never heard, in lands we may never visit, yet friends and neighbours all. And so we pray.

Sung: Rest in Peace. Rest in Peace. All God's Children Rest in Peace. (x2)

For victims of war, caught in the crossfires of conflicts we could not quell, for soldiers and for civilians, adults and children, we pray: **grant eternal rest, O Lord.** 

For those migrants who have died seeking a haven where they hoped to find safety and opportunity for themselves and for their families, we pray: **grant eternal rest, O Lord.** 

Sung: Your pain is ended. Your tears are done. Enter into rest. Your work is over. Your Sabbath's come. Well done, good and faithful one.

Rest in Peace. Rest in Peace. All God's Children Rest in Peace.

For victims of hunger, denied their share in the bounty you have placed before us, we pray: **grant eternal rest, O Lord.** 

For victims of AIDS, Malaria, COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, who died before adequate care could reach them, we pray: **grant eternal rest, O Lord.** 

Sung: Into your hands, Lord, we will commend lambs of your own fold.

Receive them into your arms of grace, in the company of saints.

Rest in Peace. Rest in Peace. All God's Children Rest in Peace.

For those refugees seeking asylum from war, who died in a land that was not their home, we pray: **grant eternal rest, O Lord.** 

For victims of emergencies and calamities everywhere, who died amid chaos and confusion, we pray: **grant eternal rest, O Lord.** 

Sung: Eternal rest, Lord, grant to your child. Let your light shine bright. And may the souls of all the departed through your mercy rest in peace. Rest in Peace. All God's Children Rest in Peace.

Lord, as you command, we reach out to the fallen. We call to you on behalf of those whose names are known to you alone. You raised your son from the dead that all may share in his joyful resurrection. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Sung: Rest in Peace. Rest in Peace. All God's Children Rest in Peace. (x2)

Please give voice to your own intercessions and prayers.

Margaret Rosling RIP & St. Hilda's St. Dunstan's the clergy: David, Helen Asher her family Ken Hume & family of Sher & Morrie Sacks & Linda kidney donor Jana Stuart all those who are shut-in Janet McConnell Dawn Newman Lorelei Reier Thanks for our new Robert Vicar, Steve Black

St. Andrew's Geri Pat

Lesley Rachael Candice Stewart June Glenn

Peter John

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.

Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# O Healing River CP 578

O healing river, send down your waters, send down your waters upon this land. O healing river, send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand.

This land is parching, this land is burning, no seed is growing in the barren ground.

O healing river, send down your waters, O healing river, send your waters down.

Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish, let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise. O healing river, send down your waters, O healing river, from out of the skies.

please remember to send your offering to the church

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation,

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

## in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen

May God who created the world give you the grace to be wise stewards of the creation. May God who redeemed the world inspire you to go out as labourers into the harvest. May God whose breath fills the whole creation help you to bear the fruits of love, joy and peace and the blessing of God almighty, Source of All Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.** 

# The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy CP 631

The kingdom of God is justice and joy, for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace; the captives are freed, the sinners find place. The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice: believe the good news, repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.

The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, and all things cry "Glory!" to God All – in – All.

# Readings for next Sunday – November 15, 2020 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

The Book of Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30