



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, February 28, 2021

The Second Sunday in Lent

This morning's liturgy is similar to Park Street Church's typical morning worship service, though with a reduced amount of music during the pandemic. Instructions are indicated by the traditional symbol ¶, called a "pilcrow." The postures for prayer include kneeling, reflecting the many biblical invitations to kneel before God and even to fall upon our faces in his presence.

When worship was translated into the vernacular during the Reformation, the familiar Latin titles for Psalms and other standard texts were preserved; for instance, we refer to the "Gloria Patri" not the "Glory Be to the Father;" some of these titles are used here.

Scripture lessons are taken from the English Standard Version.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

¶ *Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians, preparing us in body and mind to enter into the Lord's worship. Today's Voluntary is a setting of "Ah, Holy Jesus" by Johannes Brahms (1833–1897).*

¶ *At the conclusion of the Voluntary, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 73

Leader Truly, God is loving to Israel, even to those who have a clean heart.

People **Though my flesh and my heart fail me,**

God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Leader For behold, those who forsake you shall perish.

People **But it is good for me to hold fast to God,**

and to speak of all your works in the gates of the city of Zion.

INVOCATION

HYMN (*spoken*) *Benedictus es, Domine (2nd. cent BC)*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE DECALOGUE

Leader God spoke these words and said:
I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.
You shall not make for yourself any idol.
You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and give us grace to love you
with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.**

Leader Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
and give us grace to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

EXODUS 20.1-17; DEUTERONOMY 5.6-21

CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ *Silence is kept. The people kneel or sit. The Leader and People say*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed
against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;
the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you
in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ *The Leader alone stands and declares God's forgiveness. The People then stand for the Peace.*

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

¶ *Greet one another in the peace of Christ, refraining from handshaking and maintaining physical distancing. Following the Peace, the People are seated.*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 7:8-16

Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great

name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹²When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. ¹⁴I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, ¹⁵but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. ¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me. Your throne shall be established for ever.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

¶ *The People stand to recite the Psalm antiphonally. Those on the LEFT side of the sanctuary read the REGULAR type, and those on the RIGHT side of the sanctuary read the BOLD type. ALL read the Gloria Patri.*

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Quare fremuerunt gentes?

Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

²**The kings of the earth set themselves,**

and the rulers take counsel together,

against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

³“Let us burst their bonds apart

and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴**He who sits in the heavens laughs;**

the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”**

⁷I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.

**⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.**

⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

**¹⁰Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.**


¹¹Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

**¹²Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

***All* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

*The Gloria Patri, or “lesser Doxology,” is traditionally sung or recited at the end of psalms,
in order to place them in an explicitly Trinitarian frame.*

 *The people sit*

SECOND LESSON

John 10.22–42

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

³¹The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³²Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” ³³The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? ³⁵If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—³⁶do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? ³⁷If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; ³⁸but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” ³⁹Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

⁴⁰He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. ⁴¹And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” ⁴²And many believed in him there.


Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

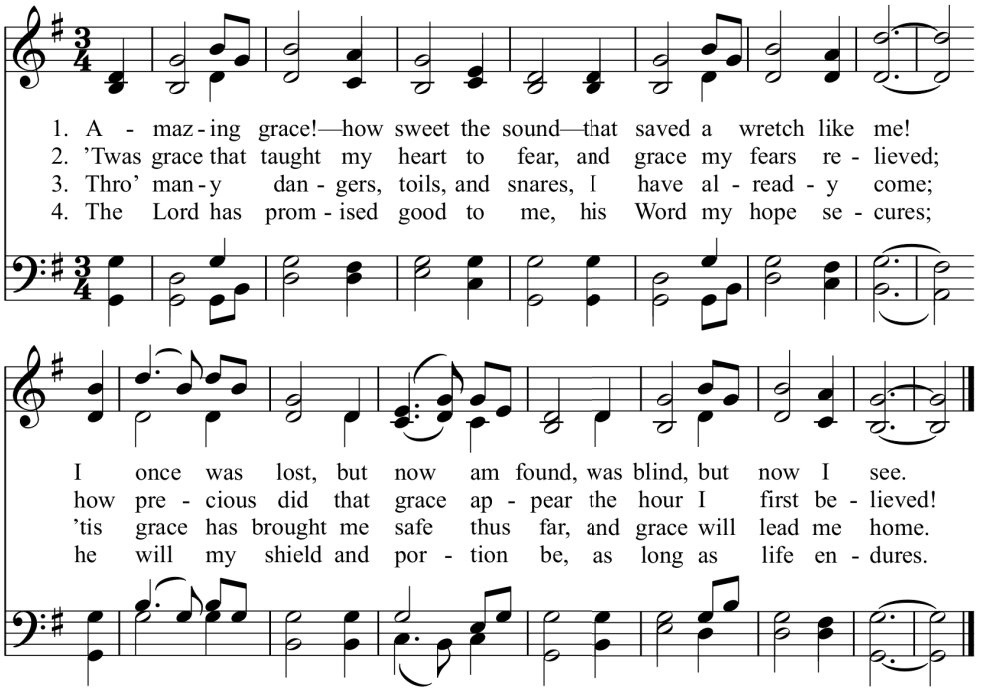
SERMON
The True Son

Mark Booker

HYMN

 *The People stand and sing*

Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. 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.

6. 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.

St. 1–5, John Newton, 1779
 St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

AMAZING GRACE C.M.
 Traditional American melody
 Adapted and harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Exhortation

Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”; and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Here we ask our heavenly Father that this candidate, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to this Candidate that which by nature she cannot have.

The Presentation of the Candidate

Leader The candidate for baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present (*name*) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Leader Have you already been baptized

Candidate No.

Leader Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

☞ *The testimony of the candidate is now given.*

Profession of the One Faith

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

¶ *The Leader invites God's blessing on the candidate, saying*

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer I do.

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer I will, with the Lord's help.

¶ *The People stand*

Leader Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this woman in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

¶ *The Leader then says*

Let us join with this Candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Leader Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He 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 into hell.
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.

Leader Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People I do. 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.

Prayer for the Candidate

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this your servant. Wash and sanctify her through your Holy Spirit, that she may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, she may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¶ *The People sit*

The Baptism

____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

____, do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. **Amen.**


¶ *After the candidate has been baptized, the Leader leads the People in prayer, closing with the Lord's Prayer said by all.*

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 coming day's bread;
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into trial,
but deliver us from the Evil One.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

¶ *The People sit. Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians.*

HYMN

 *The People stand and sing*

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN



1. My song is love un - known; my Sav - ior's love to me.
2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow:
3. Some-times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing;
4. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way;
5. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine;



love to the love - less shown, That they might love - ly be.
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know:
 re-sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 a mur - der - er they save, the Prince of life they slay,
 nev - er was love, dear King! nev - er was grief like Thine.



O who am I that for my sake
 But O my friend, my friend in - deed,
 Then "Cru-ci - fy!" is all their breath,
 yet cheer-ful he to suf - f'ring goes,
 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.

Words: 1664 | Samuel Crossman (1623-1683)

Music: *Love Unknown*, 1918 | John Ireland (1879-1962)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

¶ *The people sit. The ushers will dismiss the People by rows, following the voluntary.*

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