

ORDER of SERVICE for MARCH 1st

CALL to WORSHIP

HYMN MP 1151 Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound

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.

*(Chorus) My chains are gone, I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
(Repeat Chorus)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
will be forever mine.

OPENING PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN MP 582 Rock of ages, cleft for me

I Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood,
from Thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Not the labour of my hands
can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears for ever flow,

all for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
 simply to Thy cross I cling;
 naked, come to Thee for dress,
 helpless, look to Thee for grace;
 foul, I to the fountain fly;
 wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
 when mine eyes shall close in death,
 when I soar through tracts unknown,
 see Thee on Thy judgement throne;
 Rock of ages, cleft for me,
 let me hide myself in Thee.

SHORT TALK

OFFERTORY

READING 2 Samuel 12:1-25

HYMN MP 400 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us
for we have no help but Thee,
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness Thou dost know:
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

SERMON

HYMN MP 975 Before the throne of God above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is written on His hands,
my name is hidden in His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands
no power can force me to depart,
no power can force me to depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made and end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on Him and pardon me,
to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The Risen Lamb,
my perfect, sinless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of Glory and of grace!

One with my Lord I cannot die:
my soul is purchased by His blood,
my life is safe with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

INTERCESSIONS

HYMN MP 428 Lord, for the years

Lord, for the years Your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, t
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt You,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without You:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

BENEDICTION and GRACE