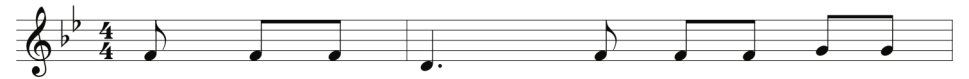


4th Sunday of Lent—
Cycle B—March 14, 2021



How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I
3. And when I think that God, his Son not
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -



won - der Con - sid - er all the works thy hands have
wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
spar - ing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it
ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, When I look down from loft - y moun-tain
in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through-out the un - i - verse dis - played!
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze,
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
ra - tion And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

Glory in the Cross

Refrain

We should glo - ry in the cross of our Lord Je - sus
Christ, for he is our sal - va - tion, our life and res - ur -
rec - tion; through him we are saved and made free.

Verses

1. Sing, my tongue, the hymn of glo - ry;
2. Tell how, when at length the full - ness
3. With the thir - ty years now end - ed,
4. Faith - ful Cross, true sign of tri - umph,
Of the fi - nal con - flict sing. Shout the tri - umph
Of the ho - ly time had come, Christ was sent, the
Which on earth he willed to see, Will - ing - ly he
Be for all the no - blest tree; None in fol - iage,
of the vic - tim; Far and wide the
world's Cre - a - tor, From the Fa - ther's
meets his pas - sion, Born to set his
none in blos - som, None in fruit your

ech - oes ring: Je - sus Christ, the world's sal - va - tion,
heav'n - ly home, And was found a - mong us dwell - ing,
peo - ple free; On the cross the Lamb is lift - ed,
peer may be; Sym - bol of the world's re - demp - tion,

From the cross now reigns as King.
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
There the sac - ri - fice to be.
For your bur - den makes us free.

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Reading 1

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects.

Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power.

All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah:

“Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled.”

In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom,

both by word of mouth and in writing:

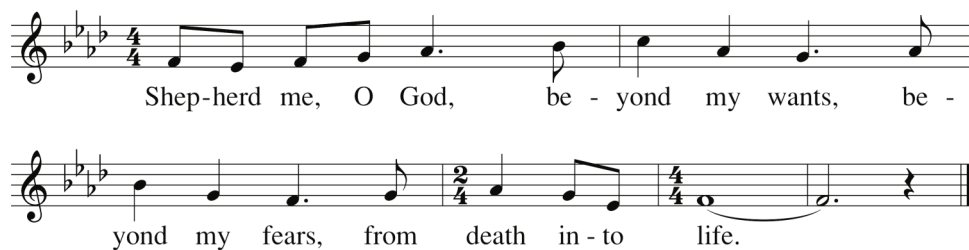
“Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia:

All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!”

Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Verses

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.
2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.
4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold.
5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

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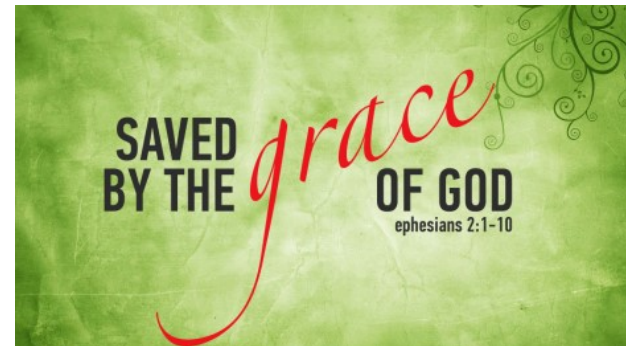
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Reading 2

Ephesians 2: 4-10

Brothers and sisters:

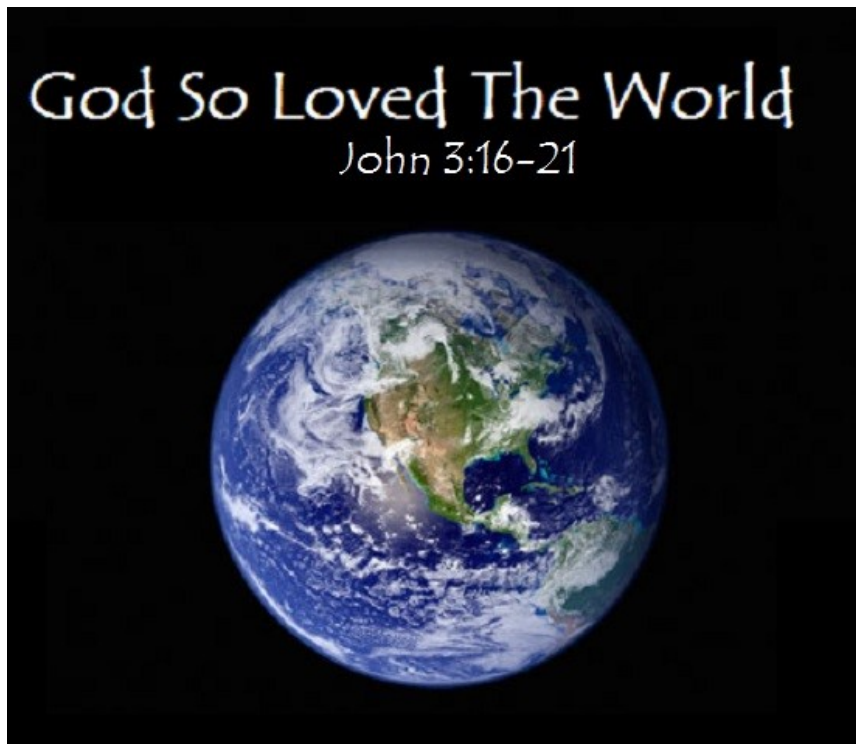
God, who is rich in mercy,
because of the great love he had for us,
even when we were dead in our transgressions,
brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —,
raised us up with him,
and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus,
that in the ages to come
He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace
in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.
For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not from you; it is the gift of God;
it is not from works, so no one may boast.
For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works
that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them.



Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.”
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the
world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Whoever believes in him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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Our response will be: Unite Us in Your Love

**For Pope Francis as he guides the Roman Catholic Church and reaches out in humility and love...
for God's grace beyond measure as we work with him to carry out the good works we were created to accomplish together ...
We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love***

**For all places in our world where evil, hatred, division and violence have taken root...
For those who condemn others ...
for healing and salvation for those who are condemned...
We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love***

**For the people of St. Michael Parish as we remember God's covenant of love with us and repent of all that keeps us from God and one another ...
for a brightening of hope in our parish and in our homes...
We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love***

**For those who govern and those who are governed...
for just work, peaceful compromise, and attention to the common good...
We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love***

**For the sick and suffering,
especially those listed in our parish bulletin and on our parish website...
for merciful and compassionate caregivers...
We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love***

**For those whose good works have prepared them for eternal life,
especially our loved ones and friends listed in our bulletin and on our website...
for joy in the light of the heavenly kingdom...
We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love***

**God's Covenant of Love with
Us...
Remember,
Return,
Repent
and Renew**

All-embracing God,
you established an everlasting covenant with us.
When we doubt you, or turn away from your truth,
deepen our hope in your promise of everlasting love
and abiding care for all people.
Make firm our faith, cleanse our hearts,
and wrap us in your mercy and grace.
With the help of your Holy Spirit,
may we remember, return, repent,
and renew our trust in your love for all creation.
Through Christ Jesus, your Beloved Son,
who is our light and salvation.
Amen.

Amazing Grace



1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand



sound, That saved a wretch like me!
fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
me, His word my hope se - cures;
snares, I have al - read - y come;
years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost, but now am
How pre - cious did that grace ap -
He will my shield and por - tion
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus
We've no less days to sing God's



found; Was blind, but now I see.
pear The hour I first be - lieved!
be As long as life en - dures.
far, And grace will lead me home.
praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

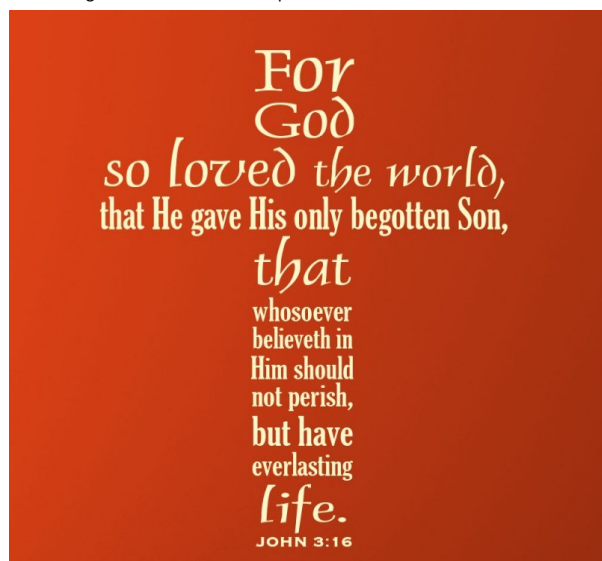
God So Loved the World

Paul Tate

God so loved the world that he gave his on - ly
Son that who - ev - er be - lieves in him shall nev - er
die, but have e - ter - nal life.

1. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
But that the world might be saved through him! Yes... (to refrain)
2. God sent a holy light into the world, and we sought the dark,
but Jesus calls us to follow him. Yes...(to refrain)
3. All who seek the truth, come into the light!
Make clear that your deeds are done in God! Yes... (to refrain)

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Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) Joel Houston and Jonas Myrin

Verse 1

All these pieces
Broken and scattered
In mercy gathered
Mended and whole
Empty handed
But not forsaken
I've been set free
I've been set free

Pre-Chorus

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
Oh I once was lost
But now I am found
Was blind but now I see

Chorus

Oh I can see You now
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes
Laying Yourself down
Raising up the broken to life

Verse 2

You take our failure
You take our weakness
You set Your treasure
In jars of clay
So take this heart Lord
I'll be Your vessel
The world to see Your life in me

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O God, Why Are You Silent?



1. O God, why are you si - lent? I
 2. Now lost with - in my griev - ing, I
 3. My hope lies bruised and bat - tered, My
 4. Through end - less nights of weep - ing, Through
 5. May pain draw forth com - pas - sion, Let



fold me, And ease the pain I bear.
 mor - row With - out you by my side.
 cheer me When night is clos - ing in?
 glad - ness, Re - store my hope a - gain.
 veal - ing Your ten - der - ness and care.



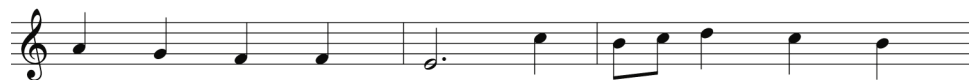
can - not hear your voice. The proud and strong and
 fall and lose my way, My frag - ile, faint be -
 wound - ed heart is torn; My spir - it spent and
 wea - ry days of grief, My heart is in your
 wis - dom rise from loss. O take my heart and



vio - lent All claim you and re - joice.
 liev - ing So swift - ly swept a - way.
 shat - tered By life's re - lent - less storm.
 keep - ing, My com - fort, my re - lief.
 fash - ion The im - age of your cross.



You prom - ised you would hold me With
 O God of pain and sor - row, My
 Will you not bend to hear me, My
 Come, share my tears and sad - ness, Come,
 Then may I know your heal - ing Through



ten - der - ness and care. Draw near, O Love, en -
 com - pass and my guide, I can - not face the
 cries from deep with - in? Have you no word to
 suf - fer in my pain; O bring me home to
 heal - ing that I share, Your grace and love re -

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