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Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Our Hymn of Commitment, “Blessed Assurance” (1873), was written by Fanny Crosby and composed by Phoebe Knapp. These were extraordinary women whom God used to proclaim His Gospel in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Knapp composed more than 500 gospel hymns and songs while Crosby wrote more than 8,000 gospel songs. Many are still loved and sung by the Church today, especially “Blessed Assurance.”

Crosby became blind as an infant and began writing and composing hymns at the young age of six. At the age of 15, she began as a student at the New York Institute of the Blind and became a faculty member seven years later. While she endured many hardships, Crosby loved Jesus and served Him joyfully all her life.

In most of her hymns, Crosby drew inspiration from her own faith. As one who longed for the day to come when all would be made perfect, Crosby focused on heaven in “Blessed Assurance.” Our earthly existence is one of “watching and waiting, looking above” (stanza 3). As we submit ourselves to Christ and are “filled with His goodness” and “lost in His love” (stanza 3), we are remade in Christ’s image and are moving toward Christian perfection.

The hymn appeals to our senses in a rich way. Not only do we have a “foretaste of glory” in the present, but we also experience “visions of rapture [that] burst on my sight,” and we hear “echoes of mercy, whispers of love” (stanza 2). Thus, in response to the gift of grace and the promise of future glory, “we praise our Savior all the day long.”

That is what Crosby did. When Knapp played the tune with which we are familiar for the first time, she asked Crosby, “What does this melody say to you?” Crosby responded, “Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!”

Let us praise God and thank Him for the blessed assurance we have in Jesus!

BEHOLD THE GOD OF GRACE

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Vivace from Sonata No. 6” J.S. Bach
Meditation on “Amazing Grace” Frederick Swann
Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Brandon Terry

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 598 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA
Words: William Williams / Music: John Hughes; arr. Metzger / Psalm 48:14

✦INVOCATION *(Please lift hands)*

✦STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 27 Rusty Shappley (8:15)
Haley Overcast (11:00)

How was Christ humiliated?

Christ was humiliated:

**by being born as a man and born into a poor family;
by being made subject to the law
and suffering the miseries of this life,
the anger of God, and the curse of death on the cross;
and by being buried
and remaining under the power of death for a time.**

This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" . . . DIADEMATA

Words: Matthew Bridges / Music: George Elvey / Revelation 19:12

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavn'ly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for Thee,
And hail Him as Thy matchless King through all eternity.**

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:00)

*Emery Katherine Dickinson, born October 12, 2018, daughter of AB and Rob Dickinson
Eloise Claire Klunder, born March 14, 2019, daughter of Hallie and Mitch Klunder
Savvy Jane Monteverde, born March 17, 2019, daughter of Morgan and Kyle Monteverde
Emilia Grace Kroeker, born May 31, 2019, daughter of Maggie and Brady Kroeker*

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

RECEIVE THE GRACE OF GOD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our heavenly Father,
how comforting to know that You declare sinners like us
completely forgiven, totally accepted, and profoundly loved
through faith in Jesus Christ alone.
Forgive us for seeking refuge and security
in other things and people rather than in Your Son.
Pardon us for living in the bondage of sin's dominion
rather than in the security of Your love.
Deliver us from our unbelief of Your promises
and our unwillingness to love others
as You have loved us.
Have mercy on us for seeking our own glory
rather than living for Yours.
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Ephesians 2:8-9

*For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "A Debtor to Mercy Alone" John Hudson

Words: Augustus Toplady / Music: David Emlyn Evans; arr. John Hudson / Romans 8:37-39

A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, my person and off'ring to bring.
The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.

The work which His goodness began, the arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is Yea and Amen, and never forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now, nor all things below or above,
Can make Him His purpose forgo, or sever my soul from His love.

My name from the palms of His hands eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is giv'n;
A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing, I sing.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦DOXOLOGY TALLIS' CANON

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Gerry Peak

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

HEAR OUR GOD'S GRACIOUS WORD

PRAYER FOR CHURCH TEACHERS

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand)*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Our Great God" Fernando Ortega and Mac Powell

*Music: Fernando Ortega; arr. Henderson / Isaiah 6:1-3
This is our Hymn of the Month.*



1. E - ter - nal God un - chang - ing my - ster - ious and un -
2. Lord we are weak and frail, help - less in the
3. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture in the sea and ev - 'ry fly - ing



known Your bound - less love, un - fail - ing in
storm. Sur - round us with Your ang - els.
bird, Let ev - 'ry moun - tain, ev - 'ry field and

grace and mer - cy shown. Bright ser - a - phim in
Hold us in Your arms. Our cold and ruth - less
val - ley of the earth, Let all the moons and

cease - less flight a - round Your glo - rious throne, they raise their
e - ne - my, his pleas - ure is our harm. Rise up, O
all the stars in all the un - i - verse sing prais - es

voic - es day and night in praise to You a - lone
Lord and he will flee be - fore our sov - 'reign God.
to the liv - ing God who rules them by His Word.

Refrain

Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry be to our great God.

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SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 7:36-50
(page 864 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON

Great Is His Forgiveness!

Artez Henderson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 693 "Blessed Assurance" ASSURANCE

Words: Fanny Crosby / Music: Phoebe Knapp; arr. Metzger / Psalm 146:2

♠BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" Christopher Pardini

♠Indicates congregation standing

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