

Amazing Grace



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Week 2: The Prodigal Son

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*It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead,
and is alive; he was lost, and is found. Luke 15:32*

OPENING HYMN Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted LSB 451 v. 1,3,4

**Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'tis the true and faithful Word.**

**Ye who think of sin but lightly
nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
see who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.**

**Here we have a firm foundation,
here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
who on him their hope have built.**

CALL TO WORSHIP ... Psalm 6:1-9

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.
**Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord,
for my bones are troubled.**

My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long?

**Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast
love.**

For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you
praise?

**I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping. My eye wastes away because of
grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.**

Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound
of my weeping.

The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

A son received a generous inheritance, but wasted it all in sinful living.
He acknowledged his sin and returned in humble repentance, seeking his
father's mercy.

And the son said to him,

**‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer
worthy to be called your son.’**

छोरोले तिनलाई भन्यो,

‘हे पिता, मैले परमेश्वर र तपाईंको अघि पाप काम गरेको छु। म तपाईंको छोरो
भनिनु अब उसो योग्यको छैन।’

SONG Mamma Shuddha Ridaye Srijanos (Create In Me A Clean Heart) -
Sung by the Nepalese

ममा शुद्ध हृदय सृजनोस्, प्रभु

सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्

ममा शुद्ध हृदय सृजनोस्, प्रभु

सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्

ma-maa shuddha ridai sri-janos, prabhu

satye aatmaa punar-jivit paar-nos

ma-maa shuddha ridai sri-janos, prabhu

satye aatmaa punar-jivit paar-nos

मलाई तपाईंको सामुन्नेबाट
 ननीकाल्नुहोस्
 पवित्र आत्मा मबाट नलैजानोस्
 मुक्तिको उमङ्ग मलाई फेरि दिनुहोस्
 सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्
 सत्य आत्मा पुनर्जीवित पार्नोस्
 ma-laai tapaañ-ko saam'nne-baaTa
 na-nikaal-nuhos,
 pavitra aatmaa ma-baaTa na-laijaa-nos
 mukti-ko umañga ma-laai feri dinuhos
 satye aatmaa punar-jivit paarnos
 satye aatmaa punar-jivit paarnos

Create in Me a Clean Heart (*Sung in English*)

**Create in me a clean heart oh God
 and renew a right spirit within me.
 Create in me a clean heart oh God
 and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from thy presence,
 O Lord, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
 and renew a right spirit within me.**

The father welcomed his wayward son and celebrated his return, saying,
“My son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.”
 हामी सबै खुशी होऊ र भोजन गरौं। किनभने तिम्रोभाइ मरेको थियो अनि जिउँदो
 फर्की आएको छ। ऊ हराएको थियो तर अहिले पाइएको छ।”

God our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, our sins are forgiven in
 the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
 Holy Spirit. Amen.

येसुख्रिस्ट तपाईंकोलागि मर्नुभयो, उहाको खातिर परमेश्वर पिताले तपाईंलाई
 दया गर्नुभयो र तपाईंको सबै पाप क्षमा गर्नुहुन्छ परमेश्वर पिता, परमेश्वर
 पुत्र र परमेश्वर पवित्रआत्माको नाममा। उहाँ जसले तपाईंलाई
 बिस्वसनियातामा बोलाउनु हुन्। उहाले निश्चयनै बोलाउनुहुन्छ। सान्ति मा
 रहो।

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN Lord Jesus, Think on Me LSB 610 v. 1,4

**Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity point out your chosen way.**

GOSPEL READING ... Luke 15:11-32 (Video)

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served

you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

SERMON HYMN Jesus Sinners Doth Receive LSB 609 v. 1-2

**Jesus sinners doth receive;
oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live
and from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**We deserve but grief and shame,
yet his words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;
here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

SERMON

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace LSB 744 v. 1,3,4 (*Sung by the Choir*)

*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.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.*

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING *possible Nepali Song*

PRAYERS

Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your amazing grace in our lives. We were lost in sin and now have been found. We were dead in sin and now we are alive in Christ! Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer. हाम्रो प्रार्थना सुन्नुहोस्

We pray that you would lead us by your Spirit to keep us on the path of righteousness so that we carry out the good works that you have prepared for us. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer. हाम्रो प्रार्थना सुन्नुहोस्

Almighty God, we pray for those who are suffering with illness and loss and for those who are struggling in matters of faith because they feel lost and alone. Help us to serve them in love and bring them the comfort of the promises of your Word. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer. हाम्रो प्रार्थना सुन्नुहोस्

Almighty God, empower us with your Spirit to be bold witnesses to those who are still lost in the darkness of sin. Help us to share with them the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. Gracious Lord,

Have mercy on us and hear our prayer. हाम्रो प्रार्थना सुन्नुहोस्

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

तिमीहरू अनुग्रहले बचाइएकाछौ। अनि त्यो अनुग्रह विश्वासद्वारा पाएका हौ।
तिमीहरू आफैले तिमीहरूलाई बचाएनौ। परमेश्वरको
यो एउटा उपहार हो।

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

तिमीहरू आफ्नो काम-कुराले बाँचेका हुँदै होइनौ। यसैले कसैले यसको गर्व गर्न
सक्दैनौ।

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN Jesus Sinners Doth Receive LSB 609 v. 3-4

**Sheep that from the fold did stray no true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In his arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.**

I, a sinner, come to thee with a penitent confession.

Savior, mercy show to me; grant for all my sins remission.

Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

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