



**Welcome to our  
Morning Worship**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

**10.00 am**

**Receive the Father's Love:  
Returning Home**

## Confession

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to  
amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen**

**"Amazing grace (my chains are gone)"**

**Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm 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.**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, Who called me here below  
Will be forever mine**

**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 first begun**

**"All who are thirsty,"**

**All who are thirsty,  
All who are weak,  
Come to the fountain,  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy,  
As deep cries out to deep.**

***Chorus:***

***Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.***

**Holy Spirit come.  
Holy Spirit come.  
Holy Spirit come.**

**As deep cries out to deep.  
As deep cries out to deep.**

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## **"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"**

**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**

### **Bridge:**

**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***

**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**

## Reading: Luke 15 verse 11 - 32 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup>To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

<sup>13</sup>"A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. <sup>14</sup>About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. <sup>15</sup>He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>"When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, <sup>19</sup>and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.'"

<sup>20</sup>"So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'

<sup>22</sup>"But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. <sup>23</sup>And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began.

<sup>25</sup>"Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, <sup>26</sup>and he asked one of the servants what was going on. <sup>27</sup>'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.'

<sup>28</sup>“The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, <sup>29</sup>but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. <sup>30</sup>Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’

<sup>31</sup>“His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



**Talk: Rev Vic Sekasi**

## **Creed**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

**"O let the Son of God enfold you"**

**O let the Son of God enfold You  
With His Spirit and His love,  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.**

**O let Him have the things that hold you,  
And His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

***Chorus:***

***Jesus, O Jesus,  
Come and fill Your lambs.  
Jesus, O Jesus,  
Come and fill Your lambs.***

**O come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.**

**O give Him all your tears and sadness,  
Give Him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.**

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**"My Lord, What Love Is This? (Amazing Love)"**

**My Lord, what love is this  
That pays so dearly,  
That I, the guilty one,  
May go free!**

***Chorus:***

***Amazing love, O what sacrifice,  
The Son of God given for me.  
My debt He pays, and my death He dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.***

**And so they watched Him die,  
Despised, rejected;  
But oh, the blood He shed  
Flowed for me!**

**And now, this love of Christ  
Shall flow like rivers;  
Come wash your guilt away,  
Live again!**

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