



Our God of Grace: The One Who Transforms

*"We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"*
(Eph 2.10)

Call to Worship

**Behold, God is our salvation;
We will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD God is our strength and our song,
and he has become our salvation.**

Sing praises to the LORD,
for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

Isa 12

Let us pray.

**Sovereign Lord, our Heavenly Father,
it is our heart's desire, our deepest longing,
to know you, to love you, and to worship you.
It is our greatest pleasure,
our highest privilege, our chief delight,
to meet with you, the one true and living God,
and experience your grace and favour.
Grant us power by your Holy Spirit
to worship you now, in spirit and in truth.**

Amen.

Valley of Vision

Psalm 103

Praise God, my soul! With all my heart
Let me exalt his holy name.
Forget not all his benefits;
His praise, my soul, in song proclaim.
The LORD forgives you all your sins,
And heals your sickness and distress;
Your life he rescues from the grave,
And crowns you in his tenderness.

He satisfies your deep desires
From his unending stores of good,
So that, just like the eagle's strength,
Your youthful vigour is renewed.
The LORD is known for righteous acts
And justice to downtrodden ones.
To Moses he made known his ways,
His mighty deeds to Israel's sons.

The LORD is merciful and kind,
To anger slow, and full of grace.
He will not constantly reprove,
Or in his anger hide his face.
He does not punish our misdeeds,
Or give our sins their just reward.
How great his love—as high as heaven—
Towards all those who fear the LORD!

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Confession and Assurance

Hear what God's word says:

“O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.” (Ps 139:1-4)

Have mercy on us, O God

**According to your unfailing love;
According to your great compassion.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Therefore, let us confess our sins against God,
and against our neighbour,
first in silence and then aloud together.

Please kneel or remain seated.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;
and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.**

**But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

“The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.” (Ps 103:8-14)

Psalm 104:1-15, 31-35

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light as with a
garment, stretching out the heavens like a
tent.

**He lays the beams of his chambers on the
waters; he makes the clouds his chariot;
he rides on the wings of the wind; he
makes his messengers winds, his
ministers a flaming fire.**

He set the earth on its foundations, so that it
should never be moved. You covered it with
the deep as with a garment; the waters
stood above the mountains.

**At your rebuke they fled; at the sound of
your thunder they took to flight. The
mountains rose, the valleys sank down to
the place that you appointed for them.
You set a boundary that they may not
pass, so that they might not again cover
the earth.**

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills; they give drink
to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys
quench their thirst.

**Beside them the birds of the heavens
dwell; they sing among the branches.**

From your lofty abode you water the
mountains; the earth is satisfied with the
fruit of your work.

**You cause the grass to grow for the
livestock and plants for man to cultivate,
that he may bring forth food from the
earth and wine to gladden the heart of
man, oil to make his face shine and bread
to strengthen man's heart.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works, who looks
on the earth and it trembles, who touches
the mountains and they smoke!

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I
will sing praise to my God while I have
being. May my meditation be pleasing to
him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners
be consumed from the earth, and let the
wicked be no more!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and
shall be forever, age after age.**

Amen!

God Speaks to us through His Word

First Reading: Deut 6:4-9 (The Ten Commandments)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2.1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Our God of Grace: The One Who Transforms. (Mark Payne)

Response to God's Word

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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.
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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

All baptised Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, are welcome at this table. If you do not profess faith in Christ, please refrain from receiving the bread and wine.

Gifts and Offerings

Gifts and offerings may be placed in the offertory box at the back of the hall. "*Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first-fruits of all your produce.*" (Pro 3:9)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Please join in saying the Sanctus ("The Holy", based on Isaiah 6:3)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The stewards will distribute the wine and bread. Eat the bread as you receive it, but keep the wine until we all drink together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God,

**we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood
of your dear Son, Jesus Christ.**

Through him,

**we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Amen.

Amazing grace

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.

God's grace first taught my heart to fear,
His grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe this far
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
My shield and great reward is he
As long as life endures.

And when this mortal life is past
And earthly days shall cease,
I shall possess with Christ at last
Eternal joy and peace.

The earth will soon dissolve like snow,
The sun no longer shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

Issac Watts

Benediction and Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the Name of Christ,
Amen.**

Sermon Notes

Today we continue our series on “*Our God of Grace*” with “*The One Who Transforms*”. Our goal in the series is to reflect on how God in love and grace, through Christ, rescues us for Himself, shields and protects us, and how this grace continues to pour out into our daily lives, equipping us for our daily walk with the Lord in all circumstances.

Our God of Grace

1. The One Who Loves
2. The One Who Reconciles
3. The One Who Shields
4. The One Who Frees
5. *The One Who Transforms*