



Welcome

Gathering Song Mercy Lynn DeShazo & Gary Sadler

Mercy, mercy, Lord, your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy, Lord, help us to show your mercy, Lord.

You have been patient with our offenses, you have forgiven all of our sins;
We were deserving only your judgement, but your great mercy triumphed again.

Mercy, mercy, Lord, your mercy is how we are restored.
Mercy, O mercy, Lord, help us to show your mercy, Lord.

Lord, you have taught us 'Love one another.' As you have loved us, so we must
love,
Always forbearing, Always forgiving, showing to others the mercy we've known.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Song

Seek ye first Lynn DeShazo & Gary Sadler

Choir of 'All Saints'

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful

for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Vern Cahoon

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

The Prayers of the People

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Intercessor: Friends, we have been chosen by God in Christ to be holy and blameless before God in love! Offer your prayers, saying, “O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people; *Lord have mercy.*”

We thank you, Lord Christ, that you have redeemed us, that you forgive us our trespasses, that you lavish us with grace. Grant to your church understanding that we may accomplish your purposes.

The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: O God, raise up prophets like your servants John the baptizer and the prophets of old. Give courage and clarity to those who would speak truth to the world’s power. *Silence.*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: O Lord, the earth is yours and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein. Give us wisdom as we steward what belongs to you; give us the will to care for your creation. *Silence.*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Just as David employed men to carry the sacred ark, we acknowledge before you our reliance on the efforts of others. Bless those who labor on our behalf and for our benefit. We pray for the day when all workers earn a fair wage. *Silence.*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Jesus, in your name and by your hand the sick are anointed, the suffering are set free, and the heartbroken are healed. We pray for our sisters and brothers who are in need of your touch.

The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: O God, it is your good pleasure, in the fullness of time, to gather all things to yourself. May those who have died enjoy forever the inheritance you have prepared for us in Christ. *Silence.*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people;

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Blessing

Closing Song

Hymnal 1982 – 671

Amazing grace

New Britain

Jennifer Cook, soprano

- 1 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.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

4 Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

5 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'd first begun.

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Amazing grace

Stephen Clark, cello

Brian Sapp-Moore, piano

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A Note on Today's Readings | *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Year B*

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. Our Gospel reading today is the account of the death of John the Baptist. This well-known story was remembered by the followers of Jesus and John. After this, Jesus' ministry moves ahead with even more urgency, causing rumors that Jesus was John raised from the dead.

Amos, like John, confronted the king of his time because of his disregard for God's law. Like John, Amos' message was rejected by the rulers. He confronts the priest at the King's temple. Amos' uncompromising criticism of disloyalty toward God earns him the royal chaplain's wrath, who contemptuously calls him a prophet, a seer (a vocation not highly esteemed in those days). He denies that he is a prophet. He is a simple man given a message from God, which he must deliver.

We gather as a people united in God. We, like John and Jesus, are sent into the world with the message of judgment and salvation. We too are called into the ministry of Christ with people in every age and time. Our gathering here is our time to remember who and whose we are and, in that remembering, to be filled once again with the life of Christ. Thus, we go forth proclaiming in our words and our lives the Good News of salvation.

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