



Blessed be the
God and Father
of our **Lord Jesus Christ,**
who has **blessed** us in **Christ**
with every **spiritual blessing**
in the **heavenly places ...**

EPHESIANS 1:3, NRSV

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . “*Amazing Grace*” vs. 1,2,4
Favorite Hymn of The Miedema Family

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

INVOCATION

P: We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.

All: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

P: We gather, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

All: God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

P: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

All: Alleluia! Amen!



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: A gift of a new day,

All: unlived, untried, ready to be opened.

L: A new day with surprising miracles;

All: with love to be given,

L: kindness to be shared

All: and peace to be enjoyed.

L: A gift of a new day,

All: God's gift to us.

L: Let us receive it with joy

All: and live it in expectation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross.

P: Gracious God, pour out your mercy on us. Where there is despair,

All: fill us with hope.

P: Where there is sorrow,

All: fill us with comfort.

P: Where there is sin,

All: fill us with forgiveness.

P: Where there is hatred,

All: fill us with love.

P: Where there is worry,

All: fill us with assurance.

P: Gather us in the arms of your grace and mercy,

**All: that we may reflect your glory with honor and praise
all the days of our lives.**

P: In your holy name, we pray.

All: Amen.

Silence for Reflection

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

P: God, who saves, is amongst us now: filling our lives with grace,

All: forgiving us and making us one, perfecting all of creation, through the mercy of God's steadfast love.

LITANY

L: Jesus, you came when we were least expecting you, and you interfered: "Come, follow me," you said.

All: We thank you, Jesus, for interfering in our private lives.

L: You never promised us a comfortable life of success, status or prosperity: "Leave behind your old way of life. Seek first the kingdom of God," you said.

All: We thank you, Jesus, for not promising us empty rewards.

L: You invited us to walk alongside you and learn from you. You gave us hands, lips and hearts to reach out to others all along the way.

All: We thank you, Jesus, for these essential gifts.

L: But just when we think we've got it, just when we think we are doing all the right things, the Holy Spirit makes us restless, prodding us to change.

All: So we thank you, Christ, for coming to us again and again, to show us your love for us and for all people.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works.

All: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: God, teach us how to dance to the rhythm of your wisdom;

All: show us how to laugh

Reader: so that we can live for the praise of your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

READING . . . *Ephesians 1:3-14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Invited to be an honor to God's glory,

All: we can become reflections of God's glorious love and grace.

Reader: Invited to sing praise to God's glory,

All: we can become voices of God's hope for all the world.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: With what shall we bring our praise and honor to God?

All: As we bring offerings and gifts this day, we are invited to reflect on the myriad ways we might offer our words, our actions, our lives, and our very being in praise and honor to God.

OFFERING



OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Glorious God, we thank you for trusting us to reflect your glory.

All: For claiming us as your own with all of creation, we give you thanks and praise.

L: As you receive these gifts and offerings, receive us also.

All: Blessing all together, that our gifts and our lives might be a blessing that honors and glorifies you. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Let us come before the triune God in prayer. Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodians and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: God, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: Brilliant children of light, go now to shine with God's glory and love.

All: We will shine brightly and love freely.

P: Honor God with all that you say and do.

All: We will make the world a better and a brighter place for all to live.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE . . . *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* vs. 1,4
Favorite Hymn of Ellen Di Paola

SINGING BOWL

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