

## Gathering of the Community

*Opening Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

### Greeting

L: The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be with you always.

P: **And also with you.**

L: My friends, we gather today to pray for our brothers and sisters whose bodies lie here in rest. They have passed from death to life in company with the Lord Jesus, who died and rose to new life, and are purified now from their faults. We pray that God may welcome them among all the saints of heaven.

### Collect

L: Father in heaven, we thank you because you made us in your own image and gave us gifts in body, mind and spirit. We thank you now for your servants who are buried here and what they meant to each of us. As we honour their memory, make us more aware that you are the one from whom comes every perfect gift, including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

P: **Amen**

Canticle .....based on *Isaiah 35.1,2b,3,4,10a*

L: The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice:  
the desert shall burst into song.

A: **The ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

L: They shall see the glory of the Lord: the majesty of our God.

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L: Strengthen the weary hands: make firm the feeble knees.

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L: Say to the anxious: Be strong, fear not, your God is coming with judgment:  
coming with judgment to save you.

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## The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading:

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 116)

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;  
For he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R:**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb;  
They caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God,  
deliver me! **R:**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R:**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living. **R:**

### *Hymn: Amazing Grace*

The Gospel Reading:

The Sermon

### The Apostles' Creed

L: Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:

A: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Intercessions

L: We thank you Lord for those dead who were so dear to us, from whom such goodness flowed. We pray that all they held sacred and everything in which they were wonderful will continue to mean much to us and go on living in our hearts and lives.

P: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

L: Let us reach out and pray for all who mourn the death of a child or a parent, a brother or sister, a friend or relative. Let us pray for all who have suffered an unspeakable loss, and for those who go on blindly, unable to overcome their sorrow. Let us pray for all who are discouraged that they may not hate the light of life, but that they may keep an open heart.

P: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

L: Let us pray for all who die and are not mourned but ignored in death like a stone by the roadside. Let us pray for all who are lost in war and prison, for those who have committed suicide and for those who are lonely in life and in death, that God may hear them, and keep them in his heart.

P: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**(We remember those who have passed)**

L: In all our prayers we give thanks to Jesus Christ our brother who died our death so that we might live his life. We ask this prayer in his name, Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

P: **Amen.**

#### The Lords Prayer

L: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

P: **Our Father...**

#### The Peace

L: Jesus said: Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives give I unto you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

P: **And also with you.**

*Hymn: Jesus Loves Me*

#### Closing Prayer

L: Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone, but also for those whom we love and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death; that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

P: **Amen.**

#### Blessing

L: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

P: **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn: Because He Lives*

#### The Dismissal

L: Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

## Flower Service

### **The Anglican Parish of Grand Falls Holy Trinity Church**



**All who are led  
by the Spirit  
of God are  
children of God.  
Romans 8.14**

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations, Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour still our refuge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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

4. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
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Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong,  
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Jesus loves me! He who died  
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He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in.

Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
He's prepared a home for me,  
And some day His face I'll see.

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive.  
He lived and died, to buy my pardon;  
An empty grave is there to prove, my Saviour lives.

*Chorus:*  
*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;*  
*Because He lives, all fear is gone.*  
*Because I know, He holds the future,*  
*And life is worth the living, just because He lives.*

2. How sweet to hold, a new born baby,  
And feel the pride, and joy he gives.  
But greater still, the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days, because He lives.

3. And then one day, I'll cross that river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then as death, gives way to victory,  
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