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Mardi Gras Sunday

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Today's Lay Reader: Tom Crawford

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Whoever you are, wherever you are, come! Now is the time to worship.

People: **We come, ready to feel God's presence!**

Leader: Seek one-on-one time with God. When talking to God, block out all distractions.

People: **We come to God like walking up a mountain; leaving everything else behind.**

Prelude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Jack Schrader

Hymn

O When the Saints

O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in.

Up where the streets are paved with gold,
Up where the streets are paved with gold,
O Lord I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in.

There was Aunt Matilda down in front, There was sister Lucy too,
There was dear old Grandpa long since gone,
The friends that we all knew.

O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in.

Opening Prayer

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news. In times of trouble, where does our help come from? We lift up our eyes to the mountains, for our help comes from the Lord. In scripture, our ancestors went up the mountain to encounter God. Lord, help us to climb our own mountains to encounter you. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

All Hail King Jesus

All Hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel,
King of kings, Lord of Lords, Bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity, I'll sing Your praises,
And I'll reign with You throughout eternity.

Senior Choir

I'm Glory Bound

Berta and Sonia Poorman

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the

elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

Climb Your Mountain

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Fly Away Medley

arr. Mark Hayes

Offertory Hymn

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.

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.

Hymn

Just a Closer Walk

I am weak, but Thou art strong. Jesus keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, Let me walk, close to Thee.

Chorus: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee; Let it be, O dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, O dear Lord,
None but Thee.

(Chorus)

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently safely o'er: To Thy kingdom shore, To Thy shore.

(Chorus)

Benediction

Postlude

Ride the Chariot

arr. Wm. Henry Smith

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Ensemble

Kileen McNeill
Eva McKnight
Linda Babcock
Diane Miller

Bette Alsobrook
Tonya Neuweiler
Jim Caterson
Jim Keeping

Sunday School Singers

Lucy Baerman
Maddy Dawson
Gus Donahue
Jacob Gorneau
Fiona Jones
Olivia Jones
Faith Klinger
Callan Lyons
Arcadia Peña

Nathan Peña
Rowan Seibert
Genevieve Savage
James Stenson
Ryan Stenson
Kasen Stys
Shane Stys
Eleanor Thomason

Instrumentalists

Piano: Priscilla Cunningham
Violin: Susan Elsayed
Clarinet: Howard Isaacson
Saxophone: Jim Daly
Trumpets: Jeremiah Paton, Brenda Bass
Trombone: Cathy Bridge
Tuba: John McClernan
Drums: Adrian Padayhag

Instrumental Arrangements

Jim Daly