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# Mardi Gras Sunday

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Today's Lay Reader: Tom Crawford

### Welcome

### Prelude

Soon and Very Soon

arr. Jack Schrader

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

**People:** **We come, ready to learn great lessons from our great teacher!**

**Leader:** Yes, Jesus is a great teacher! But what makes a teacher great?

**People:** We all have different learning styles. Great teachers know how to teach to all of them. Jesus does that too!

**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**

**Almighty God, teach us an important lesson today. We all have our own unique life experiences. We all have our own brains with our own way of learning. But we know that Jesus knows how to teach all of us. Through story telling or preaching, through modeling or by having us learn by doing, Jesus knows how to teach each one of us. We have a great teacher, but we also have to be willing learners. Amen!**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Raya and Mia Casanova

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Sunday School Singers**

Do Lord

**Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev**

**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**

Just Over in the Glory Land

Emmet S. Dean

**Scripture Lesson**

Luke 4:16-22

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God  
People: **Thanks be to God**

**Message**

*Jesus is a Teacher*

**Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

**\*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

## How Great Thou Art

(verses 1, 3, and 4)

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der  
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

con-sid-er all the \*worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the \*roll-ing thun-der,  
 when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur  
 that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,

thy power through-out the un-i-verse dis-played.  
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art!

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou  
 art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to  
 thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

Chords: B $\flat$ , B $\flat$ <sup>9</sup>, E $\flat$ , B $\flat$ , B $\flat$ , Cm, G, Cm, F<sup>7</sup>, B $\flat$

### Benediction

### Postlude

Too Hot Down There

Joyce Eilers Bacak

## Instrumentalists

Piano: Priscilla Cunningham  
 Violin: Susan Elsayed  
 Clarinet: Howard Isaacson  
 Saxophone: Jim Daly

Trumpets: Jeremiah Paton  
 Trombone: Cathy Bridge  
 Drums: Adrian Padayhag

## Instrumental Arrangements

Jim Daly