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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

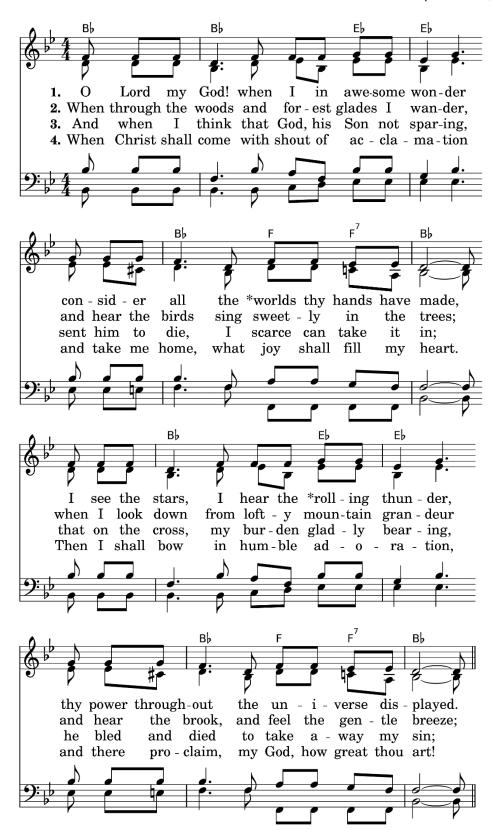
Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

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)





Benediction

Postlude Too Hot Down There Joyce Eilers Bacak

Instrumentalists

Piano: Priscilla Cunningham

Violin: Susan Elsayed

Clarinet: Howard Isaacson

Savenbane: Jim Daly

Saxophone: Jim Daly

Instrumental Arrangements

Jim Daly