

Confession of Sins

God, you have graciously given us forgiveness and life in your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We confess the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in your service, our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us through Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

— Isaiah 43:25; 44:22 (ESV)

"I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you."

Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Luke 17:20 - 18:14

The Sermon

"The Man in the Mirror"

Rev. Roland Mathews

* Hymn of Thankfulness

"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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

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've first begun.

* The Benediction

The Postlude

Not What My Hands Have Done

George William Martin

*Denotes congregation standing