

MINISTER WITH THE ENTIRE FRATERNITY:
**(All Stand and Face The Departed Franciscan,
with hand raised in blessing)**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord let his face shine on you and have mercy on you. The Lord look upon you with kindness, and give you his peace. May the Lord bless you. Amen

CLOSING HYMN – AMAZING GRACE:

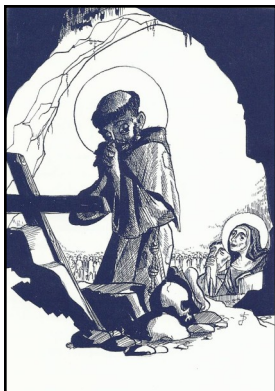
(By John Newton, 1725-1807)

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.

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear, - and grace my fears relieved. - How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, - His word my hope secures. - He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Thru many dangers, toils and snares – I have already come. – His grace has brought me safe thus far, - His grace will lead me home.



**FIVE FRANCISCAN MARTYRS REGION
SECULAR FRANCISCAN WAKE SERVICE**



+ IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE
SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

MINISTER: Praised be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble, with the same consolation we have received from him.

ALL: Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

READER: *A Reading from the Second Life of St. Francis, by Thomas of Celano (Pronounced – Chelano)*
Francis spent the few days that remained before his death in praise, teaching his companions whom he loved so much to praise Christ with him. He himself, in as far as he was able, broke forth in this psalm: "I cried to the Lord with my voice; with my voice I made loud supplication to the Lord." He also invited all creatures to praise God, and by means of the words he had composed earlier, he exhorted them to love God. He exhorted death itself, terrible and hateful to all, to give praise, and going joyfully to meet it, he invited it to make its lodging with him. "Welcome," he said, "my sister death."

SECOND READER: *a Reading from 2 Cor. 5:6-10*
'Therefore, we continue to be confident. We know that while we dwell in the body we are away from the Lord. We walk by faith, not by sight. I repeat we are full of confidence and would much rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. This being so, we make it our aim to please him whether we are with him or away from him. The lives of all of us are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ so that each one may receive his recompense, good or bad, according to his life in the body.'

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT: *A Reading from the Gospel, according to Matthew 11:25-30:*

'On one occasion Jesus spoke thus: "Father, Lord of heaven and earth, to you I offer praise, for what you have hidden from the learned and the clever you have revealed to the merest children. Father, it is true, You have graciously willed it so. Everything has been given over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son but the Father, and no one knows the Father but the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

INTERCESSIONS:

MINISTER: Let us pray for our sister / brother _____ to Jesus Christ our Lord,

who said, " I am the resurrection, I am the Life," to believe in me means life, in spite of death, and all who believe in me shall never die".

MINISTER: Lord Jesus Christ, you raised the dead to life. Give eternal life to our sister/brother. We beg you, hear us.

RESPONSE: Lord, have mercy.

MINISTER: Our sister/brother was washed in the waters of baptism and sealed with holy anointing. Grant her a place with your saints and elect. We beg you, hear us.

RESPONSE: Lord, have mercy.

MINISTER: Our sister/brother was nourished at the sacred banquet of your body and blood. Grant her a place at the table in your kingdom. We beg you, hear us.

RESPONSE: Lord, have mercy.

MINISTER: Our sister/brother was joined with us in the Franciscan life, Grant her all that was promised by our father Francis. We beg you, hear us.

RESPONSE: Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven.....

Hail Mary...

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.