

PLEASE JOIN IN THE 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. Twas 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.



Mindful that they are bearers of peace, which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon. Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others. Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father. SFO Rule, Article 19

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

T 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.

T First 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."

T 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.' *The Word of the Lord....*

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T **Spiritual Assistant:** **A Reading From The Holy 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.” – *The Gospel of the Lord.*

INTERCESSIONS:

Minister: Let us pray for _____ calling to mind what Jesus 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”.
T Our Response is – **Lord have mercy.**

T **First Reader:** Lord Jesus Christ, you raised the dead to life. Give eternal life to _____
Let us pray to the Lord...**R**
First Reader: _____ was washed in the waters of baptism and sealed with holy anointing. Grant _____ a place with your saints and elect. Let us pray to the Lord...**R**
First Reader: _____ was nourished at the sacred banquet of your body and blood. Grant _____ a place at the table in your kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord...**R**
First Reader: _____ was joined with us in the Franciscan life, Grant all that was promised by our father Francis. Let us pray to the Lord...**R**
Minister: Invites fraternity members to share a memory of the deceased....

T **Minister:** Let us pray the perfect prayer our Father has taught us....

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven...**FOLLOWED BY:** Hail Mary...and Glory be...

Fraternity turns and faces the departed Franciscan, raising right hand in blessing:

T **MINISTER with the FRATERNITY prays....** _____, May the Lord bless you and keep you. May His face shine upon you and have mercy on you. May the Lord look upon you with kindness, and give you His peace. May the Lord bless you _____, in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen