



## Raising the Widow's Son

February 7, 2021

8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

John Helgen

OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus says to us:

**“Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”**

Amazed, we speak well of him and his gracious works.

**How God has anointed him to bring good news to the poor,**

Release to the captives and let the oppressed go free.

**“We are not worthy; only speak the word and we will be healed.”**

Jesus calls to us:

**“Come and stand here. Stretch out your hand. Do not weep. I say to you, rise!”**

Help us say:

**“A great prophet has risen among us. God has looked favorably on all people.”**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Healing Lord, by your goodness you healed many who were ill, even raising the dead to life. Restore us to new life, healing our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may proclaim praise and gratitude for your compassion to all. In the name of the one who is himself new life, Jesus Christ our savior.

**Amen.**

MUSICAL REFLECTION

A setting of the Lord's Prayer (sung in German)

Arvo Pärt

FIRST READING

Psalms 119:105-107

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

<sup>106</sup>I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
to observe your righteous ordinances.

<sup>107</sup>I am severely afflicted;  
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### NARRATIVE READING

Luke 7:1-17

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. <sup>3</sup>When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, <sup>5</sup>for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." <sup>6</sup>And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; <sup>7</sup>therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup>For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." <sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." <sup>10</sup>When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. <sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup>Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" <sup>15</sup>The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" <sup>17</sup>This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

#### MUSICAL RESPONSE

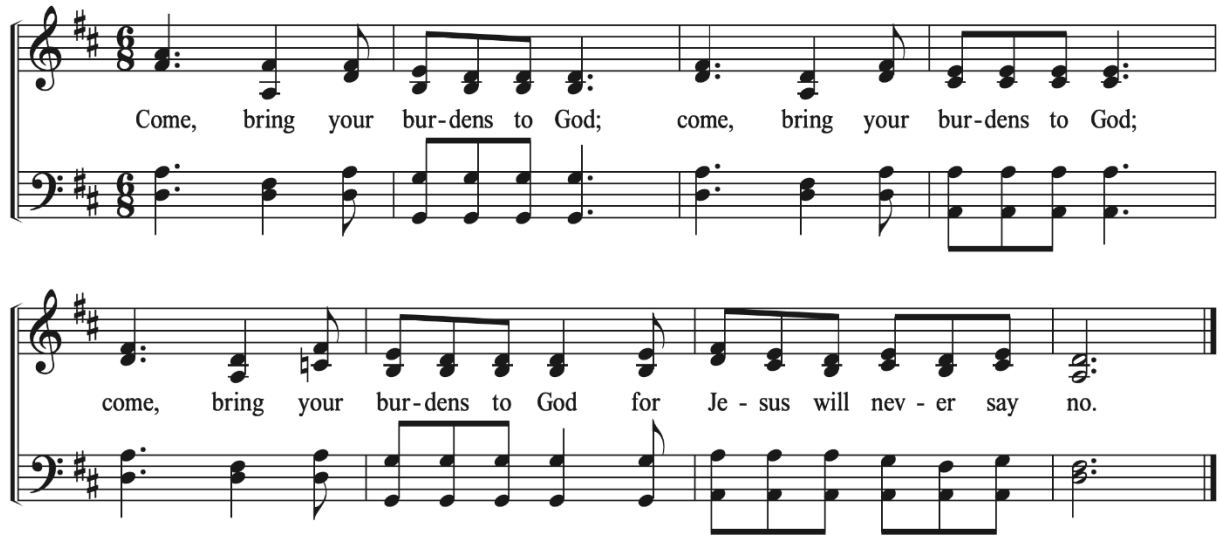
"Amazing Grace"

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*We gather our prayers using a sung response from the new supplement to the ELW "All Creation Sings."*

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.



Come, bring your bur-dens to God; come, bring your bur-dens to God;  
come, bring your bur-dens to God for Je - sus will nev - er say no.

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Music: South African melody, arr. Welile Sigabi  
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Each petition concludes:  
[Sung Response]

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude on "O God of Light"

Mark Sedio

PREACHING Pastor Stephanie Friesen  
PRESIDING Pastor Melissa Pohlman  
ASSISTING Sarah Hanson  
GUEST PIANIST John Helgen  
ORGANIST Deacon Cantor Mark Sedio  
SOLOIST Robin Helgen  
VIDEO/SOUND Mark Kieffer

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