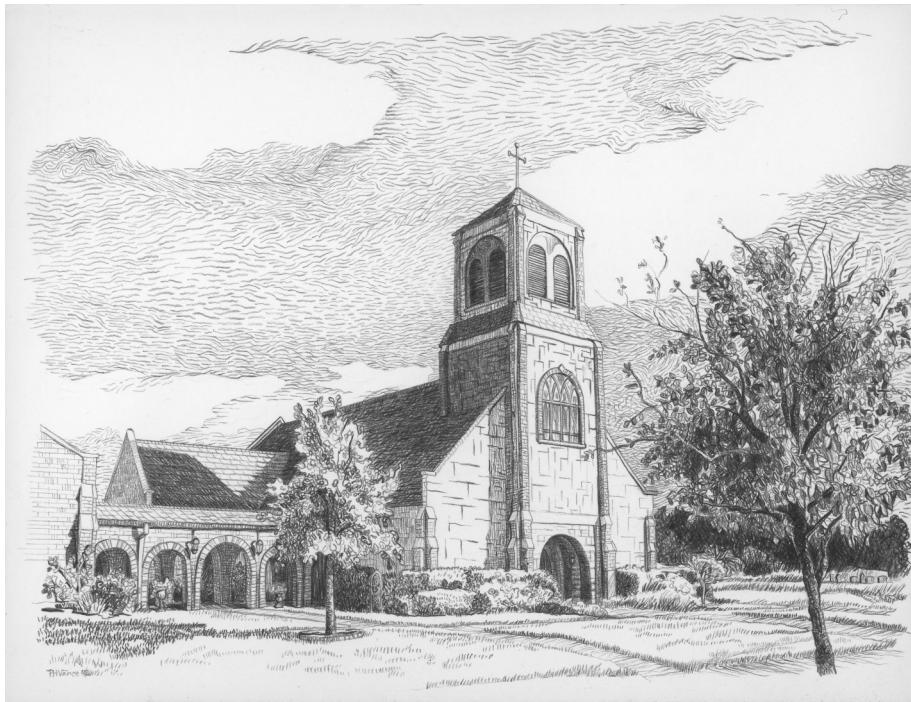


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Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;

After the service, speak to one another.

The Conversion of St. Paul

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

9:00am Holy Communion

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*Processional Hymn: #445 Jesus, Lover of my soul ABERYSTWYTH

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*Ushers may seat latecomers at these portions of the service

The Collects

O GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Epistle

Acts ix. 1.

AND Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the syna gogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jeru salem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damas cus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damas cus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias.

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coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jeru salem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.

The Gospel

St. Matthew xix. 27.

PETER answered and said unto Jesus, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

1. Je - sus, Lov - er of my soul, Let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; Hangs my help-less soul on thee;
 3. Plen-teous grace with thee is found, Grace to cleanse from ev - 'ry sin;

While the near - er wa-ters roll, While the tem-pest still is high;
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; Still sup - port and com-fort me!
 Let the heal - ing streams a-bound; Make and keep me pure with-in.

Hide me, O my Sav-ior, hide, Till the storm of life be past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed; All my help from thee I bring;
 Thou of life the foun-tain art; Free - ly let me take of thee;

Safe in - to the ha-ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last.
 Cov - er my de - fense-less head With the shad-ow of thy wing.
 Spring thou up with - in my heart; Rise to all e - ter-ni - ty. A-men.

1. Lead us, heav'nly Fa-ther, lead us O'er the world's tem-pest-uous sea;
 2. Sav-ior, breathe for-give-ness o'er us; All our weak-ness thou dost know;
 3. Spir - it of our God, de - scend-ing, Fill our hearts with heav'nly joy,

Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, For we have no help but thee,
 Thou didst tread this earth be - fore us; Thou didst feel its keen-est woe;
 Love with ev - 'ry pas - sion blending, Pleas-ure that can nev - er cloy;

Yet pos-sess-ing ev - 'ry bless-ing, If our God our Fa - ther be.
 Lone and drear-y, faint and wear-y, Thro' the des-ert thou didst go.
 Thus pro-vid-ed, pardoned, guided, Noth-ing can our peace de-stroy. A-men.

Text: James Edmeston, 1821

Tune: *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782

DULCE CARMEN

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1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
 4. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing

wretch like me!
 fears re - lieved;
 read - y come;
 as the sun,

I once was lost, but
 How pre - cious did that
 'Tis grace has brought me
 We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1779
 Tune: American melody; arr. © Christopher Hoyt, 2014

AMAZING GRACE
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1. A mighty for - tress is our God, A bul-wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv-ing would be los - ing;
 3. And tho' this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threaten to un - do us,
 4. That word, a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er he a - mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre - vail - ing;
 Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing;
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Thro' him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his
 The prince of darkness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor-tal life al - so; The bod - y they may



great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 name, From age to age the same, And he must win the bat - tle.
 dure, For lo! his doom is sure; One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a - bid - eth still; His king-dom is for - ev - er.



1. Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise
2. Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
3. Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;
4. Thy peace in life, the balm of ev - 'ry pain;

With one ac - cord our part-ing hymn of praise;
Turn thou for us its dark-ness in - to light;
Peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;
Thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;

Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
Peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

That in this house have called up - on thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to thee.
Peace in each heart, thy Spir - it from a - bove;
Call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace. A - men.