

A Service of Thanks to God for His Blessings in the Life of + Matt Royston +

Blessed with the Gift of Life on June 3, 1988 Received into the Arms of Jesus on July 13, 2025

Welcome Pastor Dave Bass

Opening Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

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- 1.) 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!
- 2.) The Lord has promised good to me,His Word my hope secures;He will my shield and portion beAs long as life endures.
- 3.) Through many dangers, toils, and snaresI have already come;His grace has brought me safe thus far,His grace will lead me home.
- 4.) Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease, Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5.) When we've been there ten thousand years,Bright shining as the sun,We've no less days to sing God's praiseThan when we'd first begun.

The Invocation

<u>Pastor</u>: In the name of the Father and + of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

The Promise of Baptism

<u>Pastor</u>: In Holy Baptism Matt was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all sin. Saint Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

<u>People</u>: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

Prayer of the Day

<u>Pastor</u>: Let us pray... O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Matt, and to all Your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Scripture Readings

<u>Ephesians 6:10-18</u> — Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the

breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

<u>Psalm 130</u> — Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Romans 8:35-39 — Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<u>John 10:27-30</u> — My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

- 1.) Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou Art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
- 2.) Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
- 3.) Great God of heaven, my victory won,
 May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Sermon Pastor Dave Bass

Apostles' Creed

<u>Pastor</u>: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our Christian faith:

<u>People</u>: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

<u>Pastor</u>: Let us pray... Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to life everlasting and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Commendation

<u>Pastor</u>: Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, you have received your servant, Matt. You have acknowledged a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. May God the Father, who created him; may God + the Son, who by His death and resurrection has redeemed his body and soul; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified his body and life to be His temple, guard and keep him to the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Amen.

The Benediction

Closing Song

"On Eagle's Wings"

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You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
 Who abide in His shadow for life,
 Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
 My rock in whom I trust!"

<u>Chorus</u>: And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

2.) The snare of the fowler will never capture you,And famine will bring you no fear;Under His wings your refuge,His faithfulness your shield.

Chorus

3.) You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come.

Chorus

4.) For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways; Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Chorus

The family invites you to a time of fellowship and lunch in the gymnasium following the service.