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Welcome

Invocation

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn: NEW BRITAIN

"Amazing Grace"

Scripture Readings

Genesis 49:8-12; Joel 3:17-21

Chris Hammer

Spiritual Message

Jacob's Blessing On Judah

Rev. Junchol Lee

Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

How pleased and blest was I

EARLY AMERICAN HYMN ARR. BY ALICE PARKER

Sacrament of Communion

Please prepare wine/grape juice and bread/crackers at home and Rev. Lee will offer a blessing so we can partake of the holy supper together.

Virtual Offertory

Ubi caritas

BY MAURICE DURUFLÉ

Where charity and love are, there God is.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love each other (and Him).

Where charity and love are, there God is.

Benediction

Postlude

"Erstanden ist der heilige Christ," BWV 628

BY J. S. BACH



READINGS

Genesis 49:8-12

‘Judah, your brothers shall praise you;
your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;
your father’s sons shall bow down before you.
Judah is a lion’s whelp;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He crouches down, he stretches out like a lion,
like a lioness—who dares rouse him up?
The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and the obedience of the peoples is his.
Binding his foal to the vine
and his donkey’s colt to the choice vine,
he washes his garments in wine
and his robe in the blood of grapes;
his eyes are darker than wine,
and his teeth whiter than milk.

Joel 3:17-21

So you shall know that I, the Lord your God,
dwell in Zion, my holy mountain.
And Jerusalem shall be holy,
and strangers shall never again pass through it.
On that day
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,
the hills shall flow with milk,
and all the stream beds of Judah
shall flow with water;
a fountain shall come forth from the house of the Lord
and water the Wadi Shittim.

Egypt shall become a desolation
and Edom a desolate wilderness,
because of the violence done to the people of Judah,
in whose land they have shed innocent blood.
But Judah shall be inhabited for ever,
and Jerusalem to all generations.
I will avenge their blood, and I will not clear the guilty,
for the Lord dwells in Zion.

From the Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg: *Arcana Coelestia* #6367

Judah is a lion's whelp. That this signifies innocence with innate forces, is evident from the signification of a "lion," as being the good of love and the truth thence derived in their power (of which in what follows); thus a "lion's whelp" denotes innocence with forces. The reason why it is said "with innate forces" is that "Judah" here is the celestial of love, and the celestial of love is in the will part, thus it has innate forces; for man is born into the things of the will part; hence they of the Most Ancient Church, which was celestial, were born into the good of love insofar as they had good in their will. From this then it is that the forces are said to be "innate." The reason why a "lion's whelp" denotes innocence, is that a "lion" denotes the good of celestial love, and a "whelp" is as it were its infant, thus is innocence. [2] That a "lion" denotes the good of celestial love and the derivative truth, in its power, and also that in the opposite sense it denotes the evil of the love of self in its power, is evident from passages in the Word where a "lion" is mentioned.

Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour!

Today and ongoing, 12:00 p.m.

Meeting ID: 822-1102-6466

Password: 673039

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Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

stanzas 1-4: John Newton, 1779
stanza 5: A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

NEW BRITAIN CM
Columbian Harmony, 1829
adapt. Edwin Othello Excel, 1910
harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964

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 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his word my
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing

wretch like me! I once was lost but
fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
hope se - cures; he will my shield and
rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.