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Luke 18:31-43

- I. The plan of God is very clear. Yet, the disciples... (Luke 18:31-34)
 - A. ... did not understand,
 - B. ... the meaning was hidden from them,
 - C. ... they did not know what Jesus was talking about.
 - D. Do we identify with the disciples?
- II. The blind man had an awareness of his physical need. (Luke 18:35-43)
 - A. What is happening?
 - B. Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!
 - C. Son of David, have mercy on me!
 - D. Lord, I want to see
 - E. When he received his sight ... he followed Jesus, praising God.
 - F. Do we identify with the blind man?

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I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 and born of the virgin Mary.
 He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn No. 588 *We Have Come into His House*

 We have come into His house and gathered in His name
 to worship Him.

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 to worship Him.

 We have come into His house and gathered in His name
to worship Christ the Lord, Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

 Let's forget about ourselves and magnify His name
 and worship Him,

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worship Christ the Lord, Worship Him, Christ the Lord

Invocation & Lord's Prayer

 Our Father which 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, for ever.
 Amen.

Responsive Reading

PASTOR: Christ said to those arresting Him, "But this is your
hour — when darkness reigns." (Luke 22:53)

ALL: **The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness
has not understood it.** (John 1:5)

PASTOR: The darkness is passing and the true light is already
shining. (I John 2:8)

ALL: ⁵ **This is the message we have heard from him and
declare to you: God is light; in him there is no
darkness at all.** ⁶ **If we claim to have fellowship
with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do
not live by the truth.** ⁷ **But if we walk in the light,**

as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. (I John 1:5-7)

PASTOR: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (I Peter 2:9)

ALL: **⁹ Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.** (I John 2:9-10)

PASTOR: ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him. (I John 2:11)

ALL: **Praise be to God ... He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.** (Col. 1:13)

Anthem
Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
A – men

Scripture Reading Luke 18:31-43

³¹ Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to

Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³² He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. ³³ On the third day he will rise again.”

³⁴ The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about. ³⁵ As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”

³⁸ He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

³⁹ Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁰ Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” “Lord, I want to see,” he replied.

⁴² Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.”

⁴³ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

*Hymn No. 202 *Amazing Grace*

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!

Thru many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
’tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

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Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn No. 438 *Cleanse Me*

Search me, O God, and know my heart today; try me, O Savior,
know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me;
cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.

I praise Thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin; fulfill Thy Word
and make me pure within. Fill me with fire where once I burned
with shame; grant my desire to magnify Thy name.

Lord, take my life and make it wholly Thine; fill my poor heart
with Thy great love divine. Take all my will, my passion, self and
pride; I now surrender, Lord—in me abide.

O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
send a revival—start the work in me.
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
for blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Benediction

Choral Benediction *Sanctuary* (One time)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

*Postlude