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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP – LENT
9:30 AM SUNDAY

PRELUDE

(stand)

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love. *(kneel if able)*

(silence is kept for reflection)

Compassionate One,

YOU ARE SLOW TO ANGER AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE, BUT OUR LIVES DO NOT ALWAYS REFLECT YOU AND YOUR LOVE FOR THE WORLD. WE DO NOT SHOW OTHERS THE TENDER COMPASSION YOU HAVE SHOWN TO US. WE DO NOT WELCOME OTHERS WITH THE RADICAL HOSPITALITY YOU GRANT TO ALL PEOPLE. WE OPPRESS OTHERS, EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE SET US FREE AGAIN AND AGAIN. WE SQUANDER THE ABUNDANT GIFTS OF THE EARTH. TRANSFORM OUR LIVES AND GUIDE US AGAIN IN THE WAY OF THE CROSS. AMEN

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

AMEN.

(stand)

OPENING HYMN

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate

(sit)

FIRST READING

Celebrate

PSALM

Celebrate

SECOND READING

Celebrate

(stand)

GOSPEL

Celebrate

The Gospel of the Lord;

THANKS BE TO GOD

(sit)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S 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 TO THE DEAD.

ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,

HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND 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.

PRAYERS

Celebrate

CHOIR ANTHEM

(stand)

OFFERING

The Doxology
Hymn #884

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious Provider,

YOU SET YOUR IMMENSE TREASURES AMONG US, OPENING YOUR HEART TO THE WORLD. AS WE PREPARE TO FEAST ON YOUR BOUNTIFUL LOVE, DEEPEN OUR COMMITMENT TO SHARING THOSE TREASURES WITH OTHERS, THROUGH OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.

AMEN.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

CHRIST HAS DIED! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN!

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table, trusting that Jesus Christ is truly present with us as he promised.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host,

YOU HAVE SHARED YOUR FEAST WITH US AND MADE US NEW. SEND US NOW TO SET TABLES OF LOVE AND GRACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT YOUR LIBERATING LOVE MIGHT NOURISH THE WORLD INTO FREEDOM, IN THE NAME OF THE CRUCIFIED ONE, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

THANKS BE TO GOD.