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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP – LENT 2021  
9:30 AM SUNDAY

PRELUDE

*(stand)*

INVOCATION

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**AMEN**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.  
*(kneel if able)*

(silence is kept for reflection)

Fountain of living water,

**POUR OUT YOUR MERCY OVER US. OUR SIN IS HEAVY, AND WE LONG TO BE FREE. REBUILD WHAT WE HAVE RUINED AND MEND WHAT WE HAVE TORN. WASH US IN YOUR CLEANSING FLOOD. MAKE US ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT TO FOLLOW IN THE WAY OF JESUS, AS HEALERS AND RESTORERS OF THE WORLD YOU SO LOVE. AMEN**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are †forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

**AMEN**

*(stand)*

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*

SECOND READING

*Celebrate*

*(stand)*

GOSPEL

*Celebrate*

The Gospel of the Lord;

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

*(sit)*

SERMON

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*(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 *(Pre-recorded)*

*(stand)*

## 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 for the 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.

AMEN.

## 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

Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

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

God of steadfast love,

AT THIS TABLE YOU GATHER YOUR PEOPLE INTO ONE BODY FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD. SEND US IN THE POWER OF YOUR SPIRIT, THAT OUR LIVES BEAR WITNESS TO THE LOVE THAT HAS MADE US NEW IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR AND LORD. AMEN

## BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

AMEN

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

