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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP – LENT
9:30 AM SUNDAY

PRELUDE

(stand)

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

AMEN

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(kneel if able)*

(silence is kept for reflection)

Holy God,

WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE CAUGHT IN SNARES OF SIN AND CANNOT BREAK FREE. WE HOARD RESOURCES WHILE OUR NEIGHBORS ARE HUNGRY AND COLD. WE SPEAK IN WAYS THAT SILENCE OTHERS. WE ARE SILENT WHEN WE SHOULD SPEAK UP. WE KEEP SCORE IN OUR HEARTS. WE LET HURTS GROW INTO HATRED. FOR ALL THESE THINGS AND FOR SINS ONLY YOU KNOW, FORGIVE US, LORD. AMEN

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

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

Jesus you are the bread of life and the host of this meal,

BLESS THESE GIFTS THAT WE HAVE GATHERED THAT ALL PEOPLE MAY KNOW YOUR GOODNESS. FEED US NOT ONLY WITH THIS HOLY FOOD BUT WITH HUNGER FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE. WE PRAY THIS IN YOUR NAME.

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.

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

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

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 God,

AT THIS TABLE WE HAVE TASTED YOUR IMMEASURABLE GRACE. AS GRAINS OF WHEAT ARE GATHERED INTO ONE BREAD, NOW MAKE US ONE LOAF TO FEED THE WORLD; IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE. AMEN.

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

THANKS BE TO GOD.