

**February 28, 2021**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** Peg Youngren

**WELCOME**

**Confession and forgiveness**

**GATHERING SONG** ***Bless Now, O God, the Journey*** Hymn 326

Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make
the path through noise and silence
the way of give and take
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round
then leads beside still waters
the road where faith is found

Divine eternal lover
you meet us on the road
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow
but waiting not for places
you meet us all around
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**READING**A reading from Genesis Chapter 9

8God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15** (read in Spanish only, preacher will read in English)

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| The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 1 **Glory to you, O Lord.**9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”  12And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.  14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**  | El Santo Evangelio según Marcos Capitulo 1**Gloria a ti, O Señor.**9En esos días llegó Jesús desde Nazaret de Galilea y fue bautizado por Juan en el Jordán. 10En seguida, al subir del agua, Jesús vio que el cielo se abría y que el Espíritu bajaba sobre él como una paloma. 11También se oyó una voz del cielo que decía: «Tú eres mi Hijo amado; estoy muy complacido contigo».12En seguida el Espíritu lo impulsó a ir al desierto, 13y allí fue tentado por Satanás durante cuarenta días. Estaba entre las fieras, y los ángeles le servían.14Después de que encarcelaron a Juan, Jesús se fue a Galilea a anunciar las buenas nuevas de Dios. 15«Se ha cumplido el tiempo —decía—. El reino de Dios está cerca. ¡Arrepiéntanse y crean las buenas nuevas!»El Evangelio del Señor**¡Alabamos a ti O Cristo!**  |

**SERMON** **Pastor Josh Ebner, Asst. Bishop Metro Chicago Synod**

**SERMON SONG** ***On Eagle’s Wings Hymn 787***

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
who abide in this shadow for life
say to the Lord: "My refuge
my rock in whom I trust
 **And he will raise you up**

**on eagle's wings
bear you on the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun
and hold you in the palm of his hand**

2 The snare of the fowler

will never capture you
and famine will bring you no fear
under God's wings your refuge
with faithfulness your shield **Refrain**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING.**

*Now is time for the Offering, so we take a moment to consider our Offering of Time, Talent and Treasure to the Mission of Jesus in the world.*

**OFFERING** **SONG  *Lord of My Life***

Be the song I sing, be my guiding light
Savior of my soul, be the Lord of my life
Every step I take, always by my side
I am Yours, You are mine
be the Lord of my life
I am Yours, You are mine
be the Lord of my life
I am Yours, You are mine
be the Lord of my life

**OFFERING PRAYER and COMMUNION**

*Those communing from home can have the elements sitting out on a small table for blessing as the Words of Institution are spoken. Pastor Carol will then invite you to receive as we commune together.*

**LORD’S PRAYER**

***The body and blood of Christ given for you.***

**COMMUNION SONG** Peg Youngren on piano

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday, March 2 at 7pm, Organ and Mediation on Zoom or in-person**. Register with Cindy.

**Wednesday Lenten service** Wednesday, March 3 at 7pm. Register for in-person worship, limit 25, others will be on Zoom or YouTube Live.

**Grupo de Oración con Pr Jose (in Spanish)** Contact Pr. Jose or the Bethlehem office for more information.

**PEACE and BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG** ***I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Hymn 325***

I want Jesus to walk with me

I want Jesus to walk with me

all along my pilgrim journey

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

In my trials, Lord, walk with me

in my trials, Lord, walk with me

when my heart is almost breaking

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me

When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me

when my head is bowed in sorrow

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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