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**WELCOME TO MESSIAH ONLINE!**

Welcome to on-line worship.  God has reminded us that the Church is not a building, but a people.  It is more often scattered than it is gathered, yet we are always one in Christ Jesus.  Due to the recent COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, we have moved all services to the online digital platform.  Please practice physical distancing, but continue to call, connect, and check-in with each other! Together we can slow the spread of COVID-19 and still be encouraged; our community needs the hope we have in Christ.  God walks with us. He will overcome! You can watch, listen to, or read the most current sermon as well as any previously recorded services, because it is available in text, audio, and video. Follow the appropriate links on our homepage and choose the date. Holy Communion will be scheduled at your convenience. Feel free to call the office at any time for assistance; messages are checked on a daily basis. Stay safe and care for each other. May God surround you with His richest blessings.

**Preparing for Service**

***The Lord Jesus Christ Is the Way, the Truth and the Life***

*The risen Lord Jesus alone is “the way, and the truth, and the life,” and we come “to the Father” only through Him (John 14:6). God is thus “glorified in the Son,” and those who believe in Him will do the works of Christ because He goes to the Father for us (John 14:12–14). Stephen, “a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5) and “doing great wonders and signs among the people” (Acts 6:8), did the works of Christ. When he was falsely accused and put to death, he “gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God” (Acts 7:55). Fixing his hope there, he commended his spirit to the Lord Jesus and prayed for his murderers. In the same way, all the baptized are called to follow the example of Christ Jesus by faith. Though He was “rejected by men” in the sight of God, He is “chosen and precious” (1 Peter 2:4). He is the chief cornerstone of the Father’s “spiritual house,” and we are built upon Him as “living stones” (1 Peter 2:5).*

**Divine Service III**

OPENING HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 790

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
 Let all who hear
 Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
 Have you not seen
 All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
 What need or grief
 Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
 Ponder anew
 What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen
 Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

**CONFESSION pg. 184**

**Invocation**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**Exhortation**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**Confession of Sins**

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Grace**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen.**

**Service of the Word**

**GLORIA PATRI pg. 186**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**KYRIE pg. 186**

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**SALUTATION & COLLECT pg. 189**

P*The Lord be with you.*

**C And with thy spirit**.

P*Let us pray*

PO God, you make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**FIRST READING Acts 6:1-7 (ESV)**

6 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

**SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:2-10 (ESV)**

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,

 a cornerstone chosen and precious,

 and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

 “The stone that the builders rejected

 has become the cornerstone,” 8 and

 “A stone of stumbling,

 and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**GOSPEL READING John 21:1-14 (ESV)**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

#  **21**After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. **2**Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. **3**Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

**4**Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5**Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” **6**He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. **7**That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. **8**The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

**9**When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. **10**Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” **11**So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. **12**Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. **13**Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. **14**This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**APOSTLES’ CREED pg. 192**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**

 **maker of heaven and earth.**

 **And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

 **The third day He rose again from the dead.**

 **He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

 **From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

 **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

 **the holy Christian Church,**

 **the communion of saints,**

 **the forgiveness of sins,**

 **the resurrection of the body,**

 **and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN OF DAY** **Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me 715**

1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life’s tempestuous sea;
 Unknown waves before me roll,
 Hiding rock and treach’rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

2 As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
 Boist’rous waves obey Thy will
 When Thou say’st to them, “Be still!”
Wondrous Sov’reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3 When at last I near the shore
And the fearful breakers roar
 Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
 Then, while leaning on the Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
“Fear not, I will pilot thee.”

**SERMON “Gone Fishing”**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY pg. 192-193**

 **C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH pg. 193**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**PREFACE pg. 194**

P The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS pg. 195**

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**LORD’S PRAYER pg. 196**

P 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.

**C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD pg. 197**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**PAX DOMINI pg. 197**

 P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

 **C Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI pg. 198**

**C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION O Word of God Incarnate 523

1 O Word of God incarnate,
 O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
 O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance
 That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
 Shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from You, dear Master,
 Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted
 O’er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
 That, all life’s voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
 Still guides, O Christ, to You.

3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,
 A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
 Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand’ring pilgrims
 By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
 They see You face to face!

**NUNC DIMITIS pg. 199**

**C** **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,**

**for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,**

**a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING pg. 200**

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

**COLLECT pg. 201**

P Let us pray.

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS**

**Salutation pg. 201**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction PG. 202**

P 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.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CLOSING HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer 918

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
 Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
 Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 Feed me till I want no more;
 Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
 Be Thou still my strength and shield;
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s destruction,
 Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee;
 I will ever give to Thee.

SILENT PRAYER/DISMISAL