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WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.

We welcome all visitors this morning to our service of Word and Sacrament. ALL are invited to receive the bread and the wine. Please know that at CELC this common meal is for all who feel moved to receive. This sacrament is God's gift to all, and is not tied to membership, doctrine or creed.

1st Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

9:00am

-WE CELEBRATE AND WE REJOICE-

The Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RESTORATION

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

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.

KYRIE FROM MASS NO. 1 GILLESPIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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.

GATHERING HYMN CP 296 "LORD, WHO THROUGHTOUT THESE FORTY DAYS" VS. 1 - 3

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and pray,
 2. As you with Sa-tan did con-tend, And did the vic - t'ry win,
 3. As you did hun-ger bear and thirst, So teach us, gra-cious Lord,
 4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas - sion - tide,
 5. A - bide with us that when this life Of suf - fer - ing is past,

1. Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.
 2. O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con-quer sin.
 3. To die to self, and al-ways live By your most ho - ly word.
 4. For - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 5. An Eas-ter of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

PASTORAL GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

Let us pray.

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.

[Congregation is seated.]

The Word

FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

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.

PSALM: PSALM 25:1-10

Your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

1To you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul.

**2My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

3Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**4Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.**

5Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**6Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

7Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**8You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

9You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**10All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: I Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

18Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION First Sunday in Lent (Matt 4:4)

One does not live by bread alone.

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word,

Every word that comes from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

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.**

SERMON: REV. JEFF GALLEN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (by Handt Hanson, No. 1)

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in God – the Creator of all things – the source of all goodness and love. He is our God and we are His people.

We believe in Jesus Christ – the Son of God – true God yet true man. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin – that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit – the power of God at work inside of us.

We believe in the church of God – His people of faith throughout the world.

We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust

always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer (especially). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern (especially Outreach and I-Help). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And because you are one with us, O Christ, enable us to share your life with the world by sharing our own lives with the world. And so we pray, in the words you have taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Meal

OFFERTORY / OFFERTORY SONG ELW 613 *"THY HOLY WINGS" / THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.

Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE]

P on the night before he died...
Again, after supper ...

Let us proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

COMMUNION SONG: ELW 491 *"COME, LET US EAT"*

Leader or All



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

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PASTORAL BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

The Sending

BENEDICTION

P 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.**

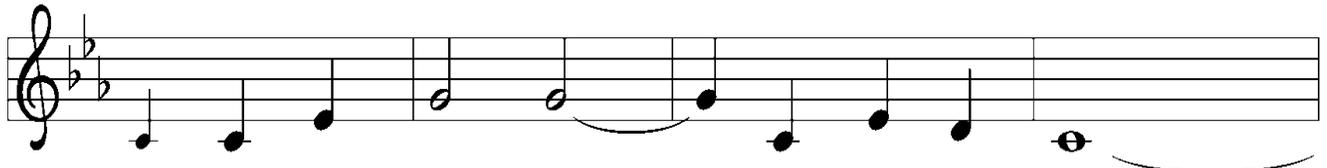
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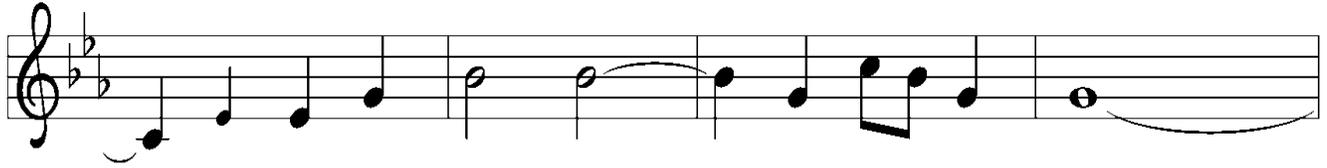
P Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

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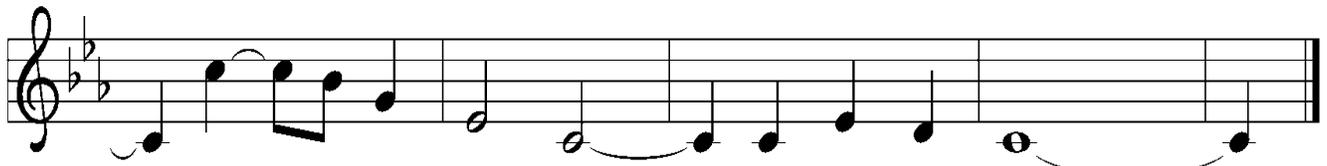
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



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 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
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