

## Online Service for February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Second Sunday in Lent.

### Gathering

#### Words of Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is 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.

**All: Amen**

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

P: Fountain of living water,

**All: 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 the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

**All: Amen.**

P: 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.

**All: Amen.**

#### **Prayer of the Day:** (February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Second Sunday in Lent.)

P: Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

**All: O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### WORD

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:23-31.

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Musical Offering: In a Lowly Manger Born - John Perovich**

Gospel: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the eighth chapter. (Mark 8:31-38.)

**All: Glory to you, O Lord. (After the reading) All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Reflection on the Readings: Rev. Peter Edwardsen*

**Hymn of the Day: Beneath the Cross of Jesus ELW 338**

**The Apostles Creed:**

**ALL: 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 and Concerns of the Community**

P: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises, give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

P: At this time... (Prayers or concerns)

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**All: Your mercy is great.**

(After the final prayers or concerns have been offered)

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

**All: Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

P: And now let us pray as our Lord Jesus has taught us.

**All: 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.**

**Blessing and Sending**

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 might be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**All: Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sending Hymn: O Jesus, I Have Promised ELW 810**