MORNING WORSHIP

Live on Zoom at 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour following worship on Zoom
Code: 229508663 PW: 056996
February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude/Welcome

Before we begin Worship we acknowledge that we worship on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe (meaning "the people") People, and we honor their elders both past and present.

Order of Worship

Covenant Renewal Litany

Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices:

Left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no?

Some choices are simple, and some are very complex, But one choice informs all the others:

Who will be our God? Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

Who has been with us from before the beginning, bringing us into existence?

Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way?

Who has pointed us toward the path and posted the signs we need to find our way?

Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth and gently curving?

Who has kept with us through hairpin turns and construction zones and potholes and detours?

Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course and seek the comfort of eternity?

Only One. The One and Only. Holy One. The One and Holy.

Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to place your whole trust in the One who is trustworthy?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to commit you talents and your resources to the One who first endowed them?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to love the One who loved us first?

Count us in.

Praying together,

We devote ourselves to you by remembering the covenant—the promise you made to humanity so long ago. Because you are our God, we are your people. Enlarge our faithfulness, our trust, our commitment and our love so that we may graciously up hold our side of the deal. Help us always to recognize your presence and your blessings throughout our journey. Keep us in your care. Amen.

Gathering Song #325 ELW vs 1 & 2 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

I want Jesus to walk with me; walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; walk with me; All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. Walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; walk with me; In my trials, Lord, walk with me; walk with me; When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. Walk with me.

Greeting

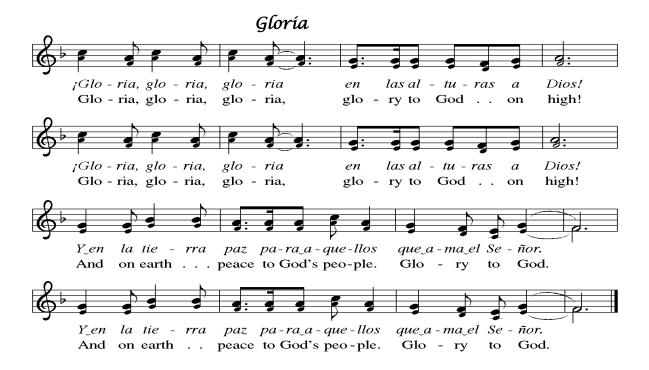
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



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Prayer of the Day

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

Readings and Prayers of Intercession are found in the *Celebrate* insert.

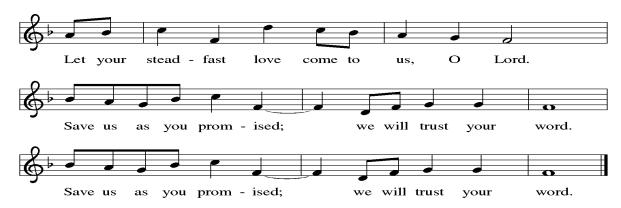
First Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

(after the reading) Assistant: The word of Life. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Romans 4:13-21

(after the reading) Assistant: The word of Life. People: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to Mark 8:31-33

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.
Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #769 vs 1 & 4 ELW "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

If you but trust in God to guide you with gentle hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there beside you when crosses come, in trying days. Trust then in God's unchanging love; build on the rock that will not move.

Sing, pray and keep God's way unswerving, offer your service faithfully.

Trust heaven's word; through undeserving, you'll find God's promise true to be.

This is our confidence indeed: God never fails in time of need.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Prayers of Intersession

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

A brief silence.

Your gift of grace is for all people, Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to microorganisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity of wonder at your works and join you in tending to creation's well-being. Hear us of God. **Your mercy is great.**

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Revel to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, spirit and mind. Restore all who are sick or grieving especially Sheryl, Wally and Colleen, Paula, Bill, Ruthann, Beverly, Chuck, Wilma, Barb, Gene, "Tiny," Pavel, Alla, Oliver and Victoria, friends and family of Dan Boucher. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You made Abraham and Sarah the ancestors of a multitude of nations. Bless grandparents, parents, and foster parents, and the children who look to them for guidance. Console those who deal with infertility, parents who have entrusted their children for adoption, and children longing to be adopted. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who suffer from the coronavirus, and those who have died from the coronavirus. Receive the dead into your gentle embrace and comfort their loved ones with the power and protection of your peace. Give hope and healing to those who are sick and protection and healing hands and hearts, to the care givers and those on the front lines. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We await the day of Christ's coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. 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.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.** Share with one another a sign of God's peace

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God. Walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High. Walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. **Amen**

Sending Hymn #326 vs 1 & 3 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

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 lands 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.

Go in love and faith and know that Christ goes with you! Thanks be to God.

