

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 13, 2020

PRELUDE "Praise Adonai"

Verse:

Who is like Him, the Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne?
Mountains bow down, every ocean roars to the Lord of Hosts.

Chorus:

Praise Adonai from the rising of the sun to the end of every day.
Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth; all the angels and the saints sing praise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph reconciles with his brothers

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy

[Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
**who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.]

**Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

Accepting diversity in the community of faith

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY "I Believe in Jesus"

1. I believe in Jesus,
I believe He is the Son of God.

I believe He died and rose again,
I believe He paid for us all.

Chorus:

And I believe that He's (You're) here now,
Standing in our midst.
Here with the power to heal now,
And the grace to forgive.

2. And I believe in You, Lord.
I believe You are the son of God.
I believe You died and rose again,
I believe You paid for us all.

Chorus:

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy: **Receive our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

(All gathered are invited to share a sign of peace, maybe a wave or a peace sign, a hello from afar.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who are 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

Mothering God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "My Redeemer Lives"

Verse:

I know He rescued my soul; His blood has covered my sins.
I believe, I believe.
My shame He's taken away; my pain is healed in His name.
I believe, I believe.

I'll raise the banner, 'cause my Lord has conquered the grave.

Chorus:

My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives,

My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives!

Repeat Verse and Chorus:

Bridge:

You lift my burdens; I'll rise with You.

I'm dancing on this mountain top to see Your kingdom come!

Chorus: