

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 20, 2020

PRELUDE "Great and Mighty Is He"

Chorus:

Great and mighty is He, great and mighty is He.

Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor,

Great and mighty is He. (repeat)

Verse:

Let us lift His name up high, celebrate His grace;

For He has redeemed our lives and He reigns on high.

Chorus:

Great and mighty is, great and mighty is, great and mighty is He!

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

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10--4:11

God's concern for the city of Nineveh

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

PSALM

Psalm 145:1-8

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

There is no end to your greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another

and shall declare your power.

I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

Standing firm in the gospel

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew

20:1-16

The parable of the vineyard workers

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC "As I Look Into Your Eyes"

Verse:

Jesus, I look upon Your hands, the nail scars in Your feet,
Then I know I can look into Your eyes.

Father, the greatest gift of love was to send Your Son to die for us.
He was the perfect sacrifice.

Chorus:

Draw me closer to Your heart; take me deeper in Your love to the secret place of God.

You're worthy of the highest praise. Let Your glory fill this place when I see You face to face,

As I look into Your eyes.

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 Life Is in You, Lord"

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You; (repeat 3 times)

I will praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in You.