

ORDER OF SERVICE

September 27, 2020

PRELUDE "I Want to Be More Like You"

I want to be more like You. I want to be more like You.

I want to be a vessel You work through.

I want to be more like You.

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

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The fairness of God's way

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

PSALM

Psalm 25:1-9

*Remember, O Lord, your compassion and
love.*

To you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul.

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

Let none who look to you be put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

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

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

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

Remember 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.

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

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-13

Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

*A parable of doing God's
will*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY "Above All"

Verse:

1. Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.

2. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what you're worth.

Chorus:

Crucified, laid behind the stone,
You lived to die, rejected and alone like a rose,
Trampled on the ground, You took the fall, and thought of me,
Above all.

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"Mighty Is Our God"

Chorus:

Mighty is our God, mighty is our King,
Mighty is our Lord, ruler of everything. (repeat)

Verse:

His name is higher, higher than any other name;
His power is greater, for He has created everything!