

## ORDER OF SERVICE

# Sunday, November 1, 2020

#### **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.

## **GATHERING SONG**

"When I Look Into Your Holiness"

Verse:

When I look into Your holiness, when I gaze into Your loveliness,

When all things that surround become shadows in the light of You,

When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart, when my will becomes enthralled in Your love,

When all things that surround become shadows in the light of You,

Chorus:

I worship You, I worship You.

The reason I live is to worship You. (repeat)

#### **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 God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Micah 3:5-12

Judgment upon corrupt rulers

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 43

Send out your light and truth, that they may lead me Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

For you are the God of my strength; why have you rejected me, and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your sanctuary;

that I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help and my God.

#### SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

The apostle's teaching accepted as God's word

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 23:1-12** 

All who humble themselves will be exalted

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 23rd chapter: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

#### **MESSAGE**

#### **SONG OF THE DAY** "Renew Me"

Chorus:

Renew me, repair me, refresh me, restore me.

Renew a right spirit within me.

Redeem me, recharge me, revise me, revive me.

Create in me a clean heart.

#### Verses 1+2:

For You alone are my strength, my song. Your love redeems me, makes right of my wrong,

Savior, and Shepherd, my master and King, restore my joy, so my spirit can sing.

For You alone can restore my soul, Your love repairs me, turns broken to whole. Almighty God, you remove all my sin.

You give me life in Your Spirit within.

Chorus:

#### Verses 3+4:

For You alone give me power to start, Your love is kindling a pureness of heart. Maker, creator of all that is new, help me, revise me, so I'm more like You.

For You alone are my precious gift, your love renews me, You give me a lift.

Jesus, Forgiver of all everywhere. Jesus, Lifegiver, I live in Your care.

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

Hear us, O God: Your mercy is great.

#### **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,  $\pm$  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.

## **SENDING SONG** "Jesus, We Celebrate Your Victory"

Chorus: Jesus, we celebrate Your victory; Jesus, we revel in Your love. Jesus, we rejoice You've set us free; Jesus, Your death has brought us life.

1. It was for freedom that Christ has set us free, No longer to be subject to a yoke of slavery; So we're rejoicing in God's victory, Our hearts responding to His love. Chorus:

2. His Spirit in us releases us from fear, The way to Him is open, with boldness we draw near. And in His presence our problems disappear; Our hearts responding to His love.