

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, November 29, 2020

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires

Loving and forgiving God,
we confess that we are held captive by sin.
In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.
We have not welcomed the stranger;
we have not loved our neighbor;
we have not been Christ to one another.
Restore us, O God.
Wake us up and turn us from our sin.
Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

People of God, hear this glad news:
by God's endless grace
your sins are forgiven, and you are free—
free from all that holds you back
and free to live in the peaceable realm of God.
May you be strengthened in God's love,

representation comparised by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

Prayer that God would come with power and compassion

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

The sudden coming of the Son of Man

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

MESSAGE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. **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.)

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

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,

+ now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG "Go Out as People of God"

Chorus:

Go out as people of God. Go out as people of hope, Go out as people renewed.

Your sins are forgiv'n, you are made whole, Now walk in the light of God.

Verse:

You are the people God made as His own. Made in His image, no longer alone. His seal is on us, His Spirit divine Called to be people of God.

Chorus: