

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, November 8, 2020

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through 🕂 Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Chorus:

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see You, I want to see You. (repeat)

Verse:

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy holy."

Tag:

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy I want to see 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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Amos 5:18-24

Let justice roll down like waters

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 70

You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The promise of the resurrection

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY "Hear Me Say I Love You"

Verse 1:

Father, my Creator, God of might and God of pow'r, Yet, Abba, Daddy, so full of love, come to me from Your throne above To hear me say:

Chorus 1:

Father, I love You. Oh, Father, I love You. Oh, Father, I love You. I love You.

Verse 2:

Jesus, my Savior, Lord of Lords and King of Kings, My Redeemer so full of grace, come to me here in this place To hear me say:

Chorus 2:

Jesus, I love You. Oh, Jesus, I love You. Oh, Jesus, I love You. I love You.

Verse 3:

Spirit, my Comforter, Helper and teacher, River of Life so full of pow'r, come to me in this very hour To hear me say:

Chorus 3:

Spirit, I love You. Oh, Spirit, I love You. Oh, Spirit, I love You. I love You.

Bridge:

I love You, Father, I love You, Son, I love You, Spirit, the Three in One. You are my God, You are my King. You are my Lord, my everything. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,

through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **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

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,

Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,

be with you today and always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG "Come to the Bread of Life"

Chorus:

Come to the bread of Life. Come, come to the wine.

The banquet is prepared and all is ready for the feast. (repeat)

Verse 1:

He died so that we might live. He suffered for our sin.

He was lifted up as the prophets foretold.

On the right hand of God He was seated. *Chorus*:

Verse 2:

Come, all of you, quench your thirst and be filled with His blood.

The bread that we break is the body of Christ,

And together we nourish our bodies and souls. *Chorus*:

Verse 3:

Come, all of you, young and old, come peasant and come king.

The Lord welcomes all, be you sinner or saint,

Be you weary or naked or suffering or alone. *Chorus*: