

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, March 14, 2021

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \blacksquare one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are # forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

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

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

The lifting up of the serpent

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

You deliver your people from their distress

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

Saved by grace through faith by good works

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

The lifting up of the Son of Man

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

MESSAGE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with 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.)

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

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you # that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG "Shout to the Lord"

Verse

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love:
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King:

Mountains bow down and the sea will roar at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.