

ORDER OF SERVICE *Sunday, March 7, 2021*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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	Exodus 20:1-17
	The commandments are given at Sinai
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
PSALM	Psalm 19
The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes	
SECOND READING	1 Corinthians 1:18-25
	Christ crucified, the wisdom of God
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
THE HOLY GOSPEL	John 2:13-22
	The cleansing of the temple
The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd 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.)

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING SONG "Let It Be Said of Us"

Verse

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion, That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given; That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

Chorus

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song, By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong. Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song 'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known. Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.