

ORDER OF SERVICE Sunday, June 13, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG "Praise Adonai" Verse: Who is like Him, the Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne? Mountains bow down, every ocean roars to the Lord of Hosts.

Chorus: Praise Adonai from the rising of the sun 'til the end of every day. Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth, all the angels and the saints sing praise.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen. Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. 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, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24 *The sign of the cedar, planted on the mountain of Israel* The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12) It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High; to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night; on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp. For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands. The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God; they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent; that they may show how upright the Lord is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 In Christ, a new creation

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34 The parable of the mustard seed

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY "Change My Heart"

Verse: You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Chorus:

Change my heart, O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen**.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

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.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art 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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen**.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING SONG "Build Us Up, Lord"

Verse 1:

Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in us a strong foundation.

Lead us to do Your holy will; form and shape Your new creation.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we guide and teach each other,

Help us to share Your love with the world: every sister, every brother.

Chorus:

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;

We follow in faith what's begun!

Lord, set in our hearts the power of Your Word to spread the news of Your Son!

Verse 2:

Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our lives reflect Your glory. Cast away all our doubts and fears; help us tell the world Your story. Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us bear good fruit for You, Lord, give us vision and keep us sure. Grant us faith that's steadfast and true.

Chorus: