



Lenten Service April 1, 2020

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WELCOME /GREETING:

Call to Worship – Adapted from Psalm 34

P: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt God's name together.

C: I sought you, Lord, and you answered me; you delivered me from all my fears.

P: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

C: Blessed are those who take refuge in you.

P: The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and your ears are attentive to their cry;

C: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

P: The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

C: The righteous may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers them.

We Are Reconciled to God

P: We come to our God in prayer even when we don't know what to pray for.

Sometimes the most honest prayer is the prayer of sad silence.

God calls us to speak out of the deepest yearnings of our hearts with great trust and to wait with patience to hear God's voice in the darkness. As we come before God today, let us ask for forgiveness and offer our prayers of lament.

We Hear The Call To Be Reconciled – Adapted from Psalm 5

P: Give ear to my words, O Lord.

Consider my sighing.

C: Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God.

P: In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice. In the morning I lay my requests before you.

C: I wait in expectation.

P: You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell.:

The arrogant cannot stand in your presence;

C: You hate all who do wrong;

P: But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house.

In reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple.

C: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness.

We Confess Our Sins and Lament Our Brokenness (In Unison)

**Lord, you come to us, but we hide from you;
you call, but we pretend that we don't hear you.
You ask us to turn to you, but instead we turn away;
you bless us, but we do not thank you.
Forgive us for our lack of trust in you and pardon us for our failure to wait on you.
Hear us now as we plead for your mercy.**

Prayer of Confession: “Change My Heart O God” # 801

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

Silent Prayer

We Are Assured of God's Blessing

**P: May all who take refuge in you be glad;
C: let them ever sing for joy.
P: Spread your protection over them
C: for surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous.**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:8-21

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.
¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
¹⁶ You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.
²⁰ The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.
²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

Scripture Reading: John 19:13-19, 28-30

¹³ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶ Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The gospel of our Lord.

Message on The Old Rugged Cross

Hymn Video: The Old Rugged Cross

Apostles' Creed:

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing The Peace Of Christ

P: The peace of The Lord be with you all.

C: And Also With You.

Offering - We Offer Our Thanksgiving

At this time we would usually receive our offering. We thank you for your continued support of the church and its ministries. During this time that we are not gathering for worship, you may mail your offering to the church.

Offering Prayer:

Merciful God,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers:

P: What Shall we fear? “The Lord is our light and salvation.” Shall we fear the storm of illness?

C: Our flesh and our hearts may fall, but God is the strength of our heart and our portion forever. (Psalm 73:26)

P: Shall we fear the storm of poverty?

C: “The Lord has been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm.” (Isaiah 25:4)

P: Shall we fear the storm of becoming old?

C: “Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding? To God belongs wisdom and power, counsel and understanding are his.” (Job 12:12)

P: Shall we fear the storm of death?

C: “Even though I walk through the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.” (Psalm 23:4)

P: Heavenly Father, we believe in your promises fulfilled in your Son Christ Jesus. We will not be afraid, but find confidence in you.

C: “The Lord is my light and salvation, whom shall I fear?” The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1)

O God our Healer, show your compassion for the whole human family that is in turmoil and burdened with illness and with fear.

Come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick, support and protect their families and friends from being infected.

Grant us your spirit of love and self-discipline so that we may work together to control and eliminate the coronavirus.

Strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in the medical profession: caregivers, nurses, attendants, doctors, all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families.

Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs, quarantines, closed borders, and other restrictions... protect and guard all those who must travel.

Guide the leaders of the nations that they speak the truth, halt the spread of misinformation and act with justice so that all your family may know healing.
Heal our world, heal our bodies, strengthen our hearts and our minds, and in the midst of turmoil, give us hope and peace.
Hold in your gentle embrace all who have died and who will die this day. Comfort their loved ones in their despair.
Remember all your family, the entire human race, and all your creation, in your love.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

The Benediction:

P: Go in the peace of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit that you may rest in the assurance of God's love.

C: Amen