

Worship Leader
February 21, 2021
1st Sunday in Lent

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

All: God remembers according to God's own steadfast love.

One: The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.

Morning Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us.

Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, and be for us, once more and always, an ark of safety and new life....

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

PH #579

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 9:8-17

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

1 Peter 3:18-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:9-15

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Liminal Spaces

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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Prayers of the People & the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response *Doxology*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Song of Hope