

Worship Bulletin
February 28, 2021
2nd Sunday in Lent

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: Christ died for our trespasses
but was raised for our justification.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Morning Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere Christians. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance....

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

...through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

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We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:31-38

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

On Cross Bearing

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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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