

Worship Bulletin
March 7, 2021
3rd Sunday in Lent

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world:

All: But to us it is the power of God!

One: We proclaim the scandal of Christ crucified.

All: The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.

Morning Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, how fickle we are; we sin against you without even knowing it. Clear us, we pray, of any unknown sin, and save us from willfully ignoring your way.

Let your commandments rule and guide us. Forgive us for worshipping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships – with those closest to us and those who are distant neighbors. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for you are the God who made us, led us out of slavery, and has brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on you alone and to rest in your peace...

(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

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We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 2:13-22

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

Words of Institution

We Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Cross Reflection

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