

Worship Bulletin
March 14, 2021
4th Sunday in Lent

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: We give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

All: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Morning Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ...

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

...in whose 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

Numbers 21:4-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

John 3:14-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Light and Shadows

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Lift High the Cross

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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

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