

MORNING WORSHIP

*Live on Zoom at 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour following worship on Zoom
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March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Prelude/Welcome

Before we begin Worship we acknowledge that we worship on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe (meaning “the people”) People, and we honor their elders both past and present.

Order of Worship

Covenant Renewal Litany

Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices:

Left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no?

Some choices are simple, and some are very complex, But one choice informs all the others:
Who will be our God? Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

Who has been with us from before the beginning, bringing us into existence?

Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way?

Who has pointed us toward the path and posted the signs we need to find our way?

Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth and gently curving?

Who has kept with us through hairpin turns and construction zones and potholes and detours?

Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course and seek the comfort of eternity?

Only One. The One and Only. **Holy One. The One and Holy.**

Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to place your whole trust in the One who is trustworthy?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to commit your talents and your resources to the One who first endowed them?

Count us in.

Will you choose this day to love the One who loved us first?

Count us in.

Praying together,

We devote ourselves to you by remembering the covenant—the promise you made to humanity so long ago. Because you are our God, we are your people. Enlarge our faithfulness, our trust, our commitment and our love so that we may graciously uphold our side of the deal. Help us always to recognize your presence and your blessings throughout our journey. Keep us in your care. Amen.

Gathering Song #759 ELW vs 1,2 & 4 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
 Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!
 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
 as thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a living fire!
 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
 blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove; oh bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .
 so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on
 dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.
 Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .
 so - tros. mer - cy. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
 Christ, . . have mer - cy on
 dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.
 Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .
 so - tros. mer - cy. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
 Lord, . . have mer - cy on
 dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

Gloría



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



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Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

Readings and Prayers of Intercession are found in the **Celebrate** insert.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

(after the reading) Assistant: The word of Life. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading Hebrews 5:5-10

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Lenten Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



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The Holy Gospel according to John 12:20-33

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #379 vs 1, 2 & 4 ELW "Now the Green Blade Rises"

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that we would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green

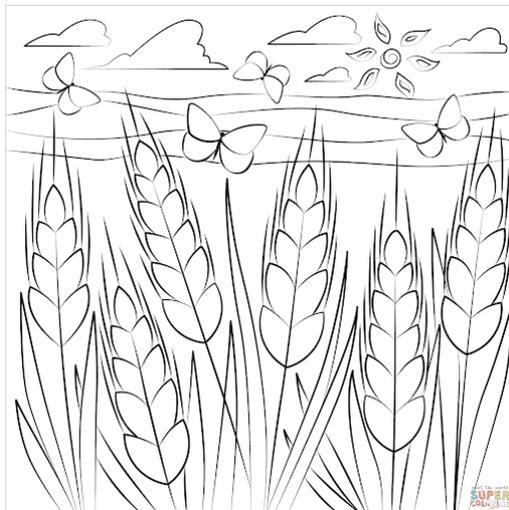
Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world and all in need.

A brief silence.

You wash us through and through and remember our sin no more. Make your church a community of forgiveness throughout the world. Give your people courage to forgive; through them show the world new possibilities. Bless ministries of repentance and reconciliation. Hear us O God.

Your mercy is great.

You fill the earth—from tiny grains of wheat to the mighty thunder—with your presence, and you call us to attend to your will for all creation. Grant weather that prepares the soil for seeds; protect all from violent storms, flooding, and wildfires. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You promise to write your law on our hearts. Guide citizens throughout the world to shape communities that reflect your mercy, justice, and peace, and give them creativity to work for the welfare of all. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Restore the joy of all who need to know your presence: those who are lonely or feel unforgivable, those who need healing of mind or body, those who are dying, and all who grieve especially Judy, Sheryl, Wally and Colleen, Paula, Bill, Ruthann, Beverly, Chuck, Wilma, Barb, Gene, "Tiny," Pavel, Alla, Oliver and Victoria. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Jesus calls us to follow him in life and death. Empower this congregation in discipleship. Equip children and teachers in Sunday school, confirmation, and learning ministries. Give us your truth and wisdom and teach us to follow Jesus. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who suffer from the coronavirus, and those who have died from the coronavirus. Receive the dead into your gentle embrace and comfort their loved ones with the power and protection of your peace. Give hope and healing to those who are sick and protection and healing hands and hearts, to the care givers and those on the front lines. Hear us O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the cross of Christ, your name is glorified. We praise you for those who have given us words to worship you. With all those who have died in Christ, bring us into life everlasting.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
Share with one another a sign of God's peace

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God. Walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High.
Walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. **Amen**

Sending Hymn #324 vs 1, 2 & 4 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo it glows with peace and joy.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

Go in love and faith and know that Christ goes with you! **Thanks be to God.**

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**CREATE IN ME A PURE HEART, O GOD,
AND RENEW A STEADFAST SPIRIT WITHIN ME.
PSALM 51:10**