

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE

Lent II

Gathering Hymn: *Please see page 5*

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Officiant: Grace to you and peace, from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **And also with you.**

Jesus said, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Mark 8:34

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us.

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined

and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit

to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says

Beloved, God’s word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:

by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm 13 *(please read responsively by verse)*

1 How long, O LORD, will you forget me forever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?

2 *How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?*

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 *Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.*

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 *I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.*

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lesson: 1 Peter 2:21-25

A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Meditation - "God's Mercy in Suffering"

Hymn: *Please see page 6*

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

The Canticle - The Second Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.

*Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;*

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.*

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

*For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,*

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

*So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;*

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. ***And grant us your salvation.***

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. ***Let your people sing with joy.***

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. ***For only in you can we live in safety.***

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. ***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. ***Your saving health among all nations.***

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. ***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. ***And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Sending Hymn:

“Go My Children, With My Blessing”

1. "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."

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Gathering Hymn

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

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Jesus Christ our Lord

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter-nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

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Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed [H]

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1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;

G D Em C G D G Em G D⁷ G

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
 dis - solve my heart in thank-ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
 here, Lord, I give my-self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.