

First Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM Service

February 21, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

(Please Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.

Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

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.

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.

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

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray:

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 9: 8--17

Pg. 13

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 25: 1--10

Pg. 863

PS 25:1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;

PS 25:2 **in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

PS 25:3 No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame, but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

PS 25:4 **Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;**

PS 25:5 guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

PS 25:6 **Be mindful of thy mercy, O LORD, and of thy steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

PS 25:7 Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O LORD

PS 25:8 **Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

PS 25:9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

PS 25:10 **All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3: 18--22

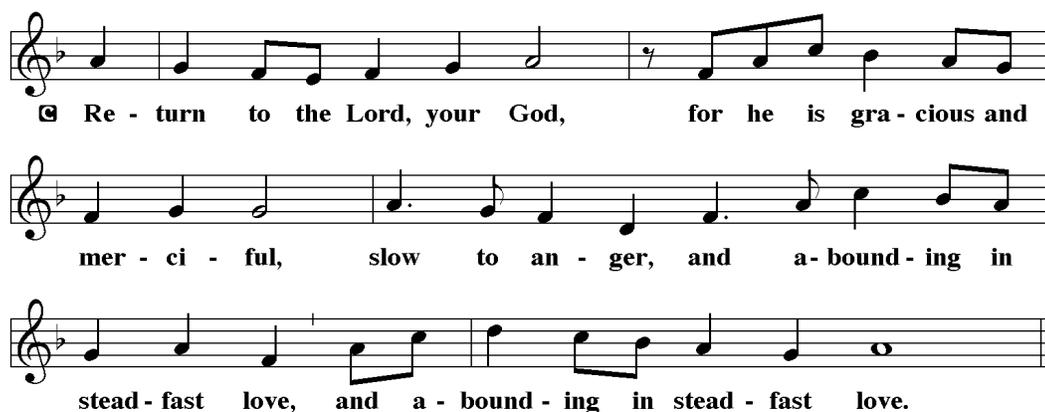
Pg. 1890

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Offering

(Please rise for the Gospel.)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

After the Gospel is announced:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 9--15

Pg. 1552

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please Stand)

Hymn # 504

“A mighty Fortress Is Our God” sts. 1, 2

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

L: Together with the whole church, we confess our faith:

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

***I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen***

The Prayers

L: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

L: Let us pray---

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we have first received from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . we look with hope for his coming again.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

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 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, forever and ever. Amen



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

SENDING

Blessing



Hymn # 613 “Thy Holy Wings” sts. 1,3

1. Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my every moment be lived within thy grace.
3. Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah’s cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude