

Sunday Worship – March 7, 2021

Welcome and announcements

GATHERING HYMN: In The Cross of Christ I Glory ELW #324

**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.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.**

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

GREETING

P: 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**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

GLORY TO GOD:

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Return to the Lord, your God, For he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger,
And abounding in steadfast love.**

P: The Holy Gospel According to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Canticle of the Turning ELW #723

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things,
That you bring to the ones who wait.**

**You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you
did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past,
to the end of the age to be.**

**Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those
who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.**

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry ty-rant from his throne.**

**The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn.**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.**

**Though the nations rage from age to age, We remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.**

This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which hold us bound.

**Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring, Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *at the end of each petition*

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

**P: God hears us when we cry and draws us close
in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.**

Fountain of living water,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Lord be with you always.

C: and also with you.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Lift High the Cross ELW #660

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his scared name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his scared name.**

**All newborn servants of the Crucified,
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his scared name.**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his scared name.**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Cruci-fied for victory!**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore his scared name.**

BLESSING

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God.