

*Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place*  
*=== Modified Morning Prayer ===*  
*The Second Sunday in Lent: February 28, 2021*  
*The Season of Lent*  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introduction** – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

**Opening Hymn** – Gather #414, "We Walk By Faith," v. 1, 2 & 4

Verse 1:

We walk by faith, and not by sight:  
No gracious words we hear  
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe him near.

Verse 2:

We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod;  
Yet in his promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Verse 4:

That when our life of faith is done  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are  
In full and endless sight.

Officiant     If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.     1 *John 1:8, 9*

**The Decalogue**

Officiant     Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Honor your father and your mother

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit murder.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.     *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Officiant     Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."  
*Matthew 22:37-40*

Officiant     Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All**            *Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

**Priest**        Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**Officiant**    Lord, open our lips.  
**Response**    *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

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

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

**Jubilate**    *Psalm 100    Jubilate Deo*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**Psalm**        *Psalm 22:22-30    Deus, Deus meus*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.*

*For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.*

*My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.*

*The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"*

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.*

*For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.*

*To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.*

*My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.*

*They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.*

#### **The Old Testament – Genesis 17:1-7,15-16**

*Reader:*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***Response Thanks be to God.***

#### **The Epistle – Romans 4:13-25**

*Reader:*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Response Thanks be to God.*

*[Celtic Alleluia omitted during Lent]*

**The Gospel – Mark 8:31-38**

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*Response Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*Officiant* The Gospel of our Savior.

*Response Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**A Reflection – Rev. Lois**

**10 The Second Song of Isaiah** *Quærite Dominum* *Isaiah 55:6-11*

*A Reader leads the canticle recitation*

***Reader and People together***

***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.*

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

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

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

*We 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.*

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

Officiant     The Lord be with you.

**Response**    *And also with you.*

Officiant     Let us pray.

**All**            *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 for ever. Amen.*

Officiant Let us now pray:

### **Suffrage B**

*A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.) :*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
**R. We praise your Name for ever.**  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**R. For we put our trust in you.**  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Doxology**

**All** *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Reader:* God of the Cross, in losing our lives we find them in you. In sharing our time and treasure, we receive the blessings of your Kingdom. Use these gifts we have made to Christ the Lord Church toward your holy work of peace, justice, and service in the world. **Amen.**

*Add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

Officiant: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

*Reader:* O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline

our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Collect for Mission**

*Reader:* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People together*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** [*KRIS-us-tum*]

*Reader:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Response* *Thanks be to God.*

(See next page for **Closing Hymn** . . . )

**Closing Hymn – Gather #473, “We Will Serve the Lord,” v. 1 & 3**

Verse 1:

Wealth can be an idol  
built of gleaming gold,  
bringing dreams of paradise,  
futures bought and sold.  
Some will choose to gather it,  
all that they can hoard,  
but as for me and my house,  
we will serve the Lord!  
*(to Refrain)*

Verse 3:

Power is a hunger,  
burning in the breast,  
to walk among the mighty  
and trample on the rest.  
Some will choose to gain it  
by lie or guile, or sword,  
but as for me and my house,  
we will serve the Lord!  
*(to Refrain)*

Refrain:

*(after Verse 3, sing two times)*

As for me and my house,  
we will serve the Lord,  
we will serve the Lord,  
we will serve the Lord!

Officiant     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**     *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Don't forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the service through Zoom!  
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