

Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place
=== Zoom Service with Full Eucharist ===
The Third Sunday in Lent: March 7, 2021
The Season of Lent
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Introduction – Rev. Dr. Lois Williams

The Word of God

Opening Hymn – Gather #542, “In Christ There Is a Table Set for All,” v. 1, 5 & 6

Verse 1:

Welcome, all you noble saints of old,
As now before your very eyes unfold.
The wonders all so long ago foretold:
In Christ there is a table set for all.
In Christ there is a table set for all.

Verse 5:

Here he gives himself to us as bread:
Here, as wine, we drink the blood he shed.
Born to die, we eat and live instead!
In Christ there is a table set for all.
In Christ there is a table set for all.

Verse 6:

Worship in the presence of the Lord.
With joyful songs and hearts in one accord.
And let our host at table be adored.
In Christ there is a table set for all.
In Christ there is a table set for all.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *God’s mercy endures for ever.*

The Decalogue is contained in today’s First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

(No People responses included)

Reader:

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

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

Confession of Sin

Presider 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.*

Presider 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.**

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff has two phrases: 'Cantor: Lord, have mer-cy.' and 'All: Lord, have mer-cy.'. The second staff has two phrases: 'Cantor: Christ, have mer-cy.' and 'All: Christ, have mer-cy.'. The third staff has two phrases: 'Cantor: Lord, have mer-cy.' and 'All: Lord, have mer-cy.'. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear distinction between the Cantor and All parts.

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The Collect, Lessons, and Gospel:

The Collect of the Day

Presider 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.*

The Lessons (continued)

Psalm: Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

*Reader: The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.*

*Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.*

*Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.*

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*

The Second Reading: The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Reader:

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

The Gospel – John 2:13-22

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People ***Glory to you, O Christ.***

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.

People ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

The Sermon – Rev. Lois

The Nicene Creed *From The Book of Common Prayer*

*We believe in one God,
the Father 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and was made 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 the People – *Adapted from “Rick Morley, A Garden Path. Prayers of the People for Lent, Year B”*

Reader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

We pray for the whole church; all leaders and ministers, including Michael, our presiding bishop; Marc, our bishop; and Lois, our priest-in-charge; and all the holy people of God.

(silence)

People: Wash us through and through,
And cleanse us from our sin.

Reader: We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. We pray particularly for Joseph, our president; Kamala, our vice-president; members of Congress; and justices of the Supreme Court.
(silence)

People: Purge us from our sin,
And we shall be pure.

Reader: We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.
(silence)

People: Make them hear of joy and gladness,
That those who are broken may rejoice.

Reader: We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely. We pray especially for those afflicted by COVID-19, and for those struggling with the effects of natural disasters.
(silence)

People: Give them the joy of your saving help,
And sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

Reader: In this season of Lent we pray for those who prepare for baptism, and we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.
(silence)

People: Create in us clean hearts, O God,
And renew a right spirit within us.

Reader: We pray for those who have died—remembering the many who have perished from the coronavirus—and for all those who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace.
(silence)

People: Cast them not away from your presence,
And take not your Holy Spirit from them.

At this time, please add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.

Presider's concluding prayer:

Lord Jesus, it was your will that your Father's House would be a place of prayer for all people; grant us the strength and wisdom to be a people consumed with prayer and zeal for you, this day and always. ***Amen.***

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Doxology

*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.*

Eucharistic Prayer *Adapted from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Jersey City, NJ*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Presider Holy one, great God of judgment and mercy, we give thanks to you through your beloved son, Jesus Christ.

Lent is a season of turning, turning from what is hurtful and toward what is healing. Turning from what is shattered and toward what is whole. In your mercy, God, we know we can always return to you.

We celebrate your Son, who was tempted in every way as we are, but did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

We now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven who sing of your unending glory:

SANCTUS

The Sanctus acclamation is sung to conclude the introduction to the eucharistic prayer.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,
God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-
san-na in the high-est.

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Presider From earliest days, you turned toward your creation, bringing light from darkness, firm ground from the deep, life from the dust.

Adam and Eve turned from the garden to toil and struggle. Abraham and Sarah turned from a life of wandering to the land that you showed them. Your people Israel turned from captivity to cry to you, and you delivered them from captivity. And in the wilderness Jesus turned away from the tempter and toward his proclamation of the heavenly kingdom.

You ordained for everything a season, a time to break down, and a time to build up, a time to keep, and a time to put aside. Let this now be a time of healing, a time of justice, a time of reconciliation and peace.

On the night in which he turned to his friends, our Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

People Remembering, therefore, Christ's turn toward the world, his journey to the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, we turn toward you in the gifts of bread and wine, signs of your mercy and balm for our souls.

Presider Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be healing and redemption for us and for your world, the turning toward a new day of righteousness.

People Come, Holy Spirit.

Presider And now, may all creation turn toward you, seeking your mercy and trusting in your word, that we may share in your glory with all the saints in light. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

*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 Breaking of the Bread *After a short silence, the following is said:*

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION II (OPTIONAL)

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: We re - mem-ber how you loved us to your death, and still we cel-e-brate, for you are with us here; and we be-lieve that we will see you when you come in your glo-ry, Lord. We re - mem-ber, we cel-e-brate, we be-lieve.

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Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.
You may participate at home by taking your prepared hosts at this time if you so desire.

Prayer of Thanksgiving *The Presider and People pray together*

*Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
May our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

The Lenten Blessing

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the peace of God which passes all understanding be with you now and forevermore.

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

Closing Hymn – Gather #290, “Deep Within,” v. 1, 2 & 3

Refrain:

Deep within I will plant my law,
not on stone, but in your heart.
Follow me, I will bring you back,
you will be my own, and I will be your God.

Verse 1:

I will give you a new heart,
a new spirit within you,
for I will be your strength.
(to Refrain)

Verse 2:

Seek my face,
and see your God,
for I will be your hope.
(to Refrain)

Verse 3:

Return to me,
with all your heart,
and I will bring you back.
(to Refrain)

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Announcements

First Sunday Special Offering



For the month of March, our First Sunday Special Offering is designated for our CTL Veterans' Fund. You may make a gift to support veterans in our community either by check or online at <https://veteransprograms.gvtls.com/>.

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