

SUNDAY EUCHARIST + SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA SYNOD

Third Sunday in Lent + March 15, 2020

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us.**
We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.
We have wandered from your resurrection life.
We have strayed from your love for all people.
Turn us back to you, O God.
Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.
"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.
All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: ELW 777 *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

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| 1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer,
you would come to me and live." | 2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary;
come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer;
at this table be my guest." <i>Refrain</i> |
| <i>Refrain</i>
Jesus, ever flowing fountain,
give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer
there is joy no tongue can tell. | 3 "Come to me, believers burdened;
find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer,
turn to me and seek my face." <i>Refrain</i> |
| | 4 "Come to me, repentant sinners;
leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion,
turn to me, I call your name." <i>Refrain</i> |

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

READING: Exodus 17:1-7
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

READING: Romans 5:1-11
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-26
The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 611 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

THE 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

Each petition ends: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.
We lift them up to the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR LENT

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

PASTORAL INSTRUCTION ON SPIRITUAL COMMUNION IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

SENDING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING SONG: ELW 772 *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

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| 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will! | 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep. |
| 2 Order my footsteps by your word
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear. | 4 Make me to walk in your commands,
'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my God. |

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

SERVING IN THIS WORSHIP SERVICE

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