

Service of the Word

Sunday, September 13, 2020

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God the maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life. **Amen.**

* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

* God of all mercy and consolation come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

* The grace of God shines upon us, bringing salvation to the whole world. We are saved, our sins are washed away, not because of anything we have done but according to God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Renewed by the Holy Spirit, let us live in hope and joy. **Amen.**

APOSTOLIC 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.**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Almighty and Merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that might hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Genesis 50: 15-21

Psalm 103: 1-13

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

*Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia!* **We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous; your sins are forgiven on account of his name. *Alleluia!*** (1 John 2:1,12).

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Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

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*Apostles Creed

*Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray:

Loving God, our source and our final home, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human bodies and all you have created.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, by the wounds of your son we are healed. Bring your saving health to all people.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Holy God, your spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism and brought us into the communion of saints. Renew in us the grace of baptism, by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Mighty God, your son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers to those who suffer.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

God of great and abundant mercy, with your presence sustain all for whom we pray. Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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* Offertory Prayer

Let us Pray: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessings for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Prayer

Praise and thanks to you holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of you Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever

* Lord's Prayer

SENDING

*Blessing

The God of all consolation bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life. Almighty God bless you, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Dismissal: Go in Peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.