

Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, October 18, 2020

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another (pause for silence and self-reflection)

Most Merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

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: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-13

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

*Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia!* Shine like the stars in the world holding fast to the word of life. *Alleluia!* (Phil. 2:15,16)**

Response after announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord**

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

*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 us 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.

* Lord's Prayer

Amen.

* **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into a path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

* Thanksgiving

* **HOLY COMMUNION** Please Bring Your Own Elements

(In this time we gather around the eternal table wherever that may be in this time we are apart. We bring our own gifts so they can be lifted up and bring honor and glory to God. We lift up our prayers so that the Spirit is sent to us and the meal that we share, so that it and all of God's acts and promises may come to fulfillment for us and the world. The prayer is that the life-giving Spirit will make the meal effective in us. We join our prayers with those servants of every time and every place and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all).

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.

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