

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.  
“A BLENDED SERVICE**

**INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**OPENING SONG**

*Ancient Words*

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God’s own heart,  
O, let the ancient words impart.  
Word of life, words of hope,  
Give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world where’er we roam,  
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words, ever true,  
Changing me, changing you;  
We have come with open hearts,  
O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age,  
Came to us through sacrifice;  
O, heed the faithful words of Christ;  
Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart;  
O, let they ancient words impart.

Ancient words, ever true,  
Changing me, changing you;  
We have come with open hearts,  
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## OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Jesus said, "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- C** **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

- P** Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.
- C** **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** God's Word reminds us that when we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness.
- C** **But now that we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit we get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**
- P** For the wages of sin is death,
- C** **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- P** Let us confess our sins to God, who has brought us out of slavery and promises to lead us to the promised land of heaven.

*A moment for silent confession.*

- P** Heavenly Father, we know we are blessed when we remain steadfast under trial, yet we fall prey to the devil's schemes and give in to temptation. We are lured and enticed by our own evil desires—desires that contradict your good and gracious will.
- C** **For Jesus' sake, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** As Jesus began His ministry, He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." As you have repented of your sins, as a called and ordained servant of the

Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 22:1–18*

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham

said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

## **SECOND READING**

*James 1:12–18*

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to

those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 1:9–15*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

## **SONG OF THE DAY**

*718 Jesus, Lead Thou On*

1 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand  
To our fatherland.

2 If the way be drear,  
If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many\_a woe  
To our home we go.

3 When we seek relief  
From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won.  
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand  
In our fatherland.

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## **SERMON**

## **Through the Wilderness**

## **CREED OF THE CHURCH**

*Apostles' Creed*

**☉ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**☩** 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  
forever and ever. Amen.



## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## AGNUS DEI

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Grant us peace  
Grant us peace

## DISTRIBUTION

## DISMISSAL

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## CLOSING SONG

*Jesus Messiah*

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
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## **SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**ELDERS:** *Ryan Hull*

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT:** *Adam Sesso*

**MUSICIANS/VOCALISTS:** *Saturday Praise Team: (Director – Julie Sawusch) Vocalists: Mary Fleck, Reese, Kristen Blinn; Piano: Julie Sawusch; Acoustic Guitar: Tom Vitacco; Bass Guitar: Ron Hilger*

**PROJECTION and SOUNDBOARD:** *Chris Errera*

**LITURGIST:** *Reverend Jerry D. Hays*

**SPEAKER:** *Reverend Greg Hintz*

To be baptized into the saving grace of God at 9:00 AM is Julian Leoncio Nieves, born on October 8, 2018, to Alexandra Mroz and Leoncio Nieves, whose sponsors are Luis Nieves and Maria Nieves. May God bless this child of His!

Altar Flowers are given in honor of Mary Bollinger's birthday on February 19 from Jim and her children.