

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

Theme: Through the parable of the Samaritan and his words to Martha, Jesus challenged his hearers to think differently, to open themselves to the possibility that their ideas of right and wrong might be off just a bit.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. *A time for silence*

Eternal God our creator, **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us with your everlasting love, and forgive us all our offenses, cleanse us from proud thoughts, and remove empty desires. Draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God whose love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God Jesus died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives us all our sins. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, Our God, our maker.

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, Our God, our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand, and the sheep of his hand.

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

Let us pray: **God of wisdom, You challenge us to expand our minds to your inclusive view of the world. Teach us to welcome the stranger whoever they may be, and to open ourselves to having our minds changed and our hearts transformed, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

For Forty Days

Madigan

FIRST READING:

Psalm 15

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL:

Luke 10:25-42

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This

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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Compassionate God, **Hear our prayer**

You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you,
and in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed
to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving
Trinity. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

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**REFRAIN: Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land;
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm.**

**No one can do like Jesus, not a mumbling word he said;
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave, and he raised him from the dead. REFRAIN**

**When Jesus was on earth, the flesh was very weak; he took a towel and girded himself
and he washed his disciples' feet. REFRAIN**

**Yonder comes my Savior, him whom I love so well; he has the palm of
victory and the keys of death and hell. REFRAIN**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE