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**TABLE**

Worship Gathering  
First Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2018

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*Gathering as the Body*

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## Announcements

## Call to Worship / Silence

## Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures forever.**

## Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Summary of the Law

Jesus said, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments"

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

## Trisagion Hymn

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One  
Have mercy, mercy, mercy upon us

# Confession of Sin & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Christ suffered for sins, once for all,  
the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.  
Through the mercy of Christ, God remembers you  
but not your faults or your sins.  
Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven; be at peace.

## Song: Come Away From Rush and Hurry

Come away from rush and hurry / To the stillness of God's peace;  
From our vain ambition's worry / Come to Christ and find release.  
Come away from noise and clamor  
Life's demands and frenzied pace;  
Come to join the people gathered  
Here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness / We lie down to rest our soul.  
From the waters of his mercy / We drink deeply, are made whole.  
At the table of his presence / All his saints are richly fed.  
With the oil of his anointing / Into service we are led.

Come then children, with your burdens,  
Life's confusions, fears and pain  
Leave them at the cross of Jesus;  
Take instead his kingdom's reign.  
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them – He alone will satisfy.  
All our longings find attainment / When to self we gladly die.

## Collect of the Day

The Lord is here.

**And His Spirit is with us.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Blessing of the Children

The Lord be with you as you worship

**And also with you.**

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*Listening for the Word*

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## Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept you Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## Scripture Reading *Genesis 9:8-17*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive Psalm Reading *Psalms 25:1-10*

In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

**I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause

**Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.**

Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

**Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

**Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.

**All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## Scripture Reading *1 Peter 3:18-22*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Gospel Reading *Mark 9:2-9*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayers of the People

O Lord, we lament the evil of \_\_\_\_\_. May the power of your kingdom confront the powers of darkness in our world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(Prayers for others and the world...)*

Lord, we trust in you. **Deliver us from evil.**

## Welcoming One Another in Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

————— *Communing at the Table* —————

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen

## Prayers Around the Table

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise!**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*(sung together)*

**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.**

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

...Because you are one with us, O Christ,  
make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

*(sung together)*

**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.**

...Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*All are welcome to come to the Lord's table. Come with open hands to receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and feed on Christ's presence, with thanksgiving.*

*If you are not a baptized Christian, come with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. (And let us know if you're interested in being baptized.)*

## **Song: The Anima Christi**

Body of Christ, sanctify me / Blood of Christ, cleanse me,

O Jesus Christ, save me / Have mercy, O God

Within thy wounds, hide me / From the enemy, defend me

In my hour of death, call me / That I may come to you

That I may be with you / That I may worship you for eternity.

## **Song: Lord, Lord, Lord**

Lord, Lord, Lord, please restore our trust  
We've lost our way, Lord, we've strayed from love  
We've broken vows, we've wasted breath  
We've stolen life, we've tasted death

*Lamb of God, take away our sin  
Have mercy, have mercy  
Jesus Christ, holy sacrifice  
Have mercy, have mercy on us*

We need you now to forgive our sin  
Replace our stone hearts with flesh again  
Undo the curse, and heal our faith  
Unleash your power, Lord, come and save

## **Song: The Lord is Gracious and Compassionate**

The Lord is gracious and compassionate  
Slow to anger and rich in love (*repeat*)

And the Lord is good to all  
He has compassion in all that He has made

As far as the east is from the west, that's how far  
He has removed our transgressions from us (*repeat*)

Praise the Lord, O my soul  
Praise the Lord (*repeat*)

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sending

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Sending and Blessing

The worship is over! The service has begun!  
Receive the benediction:

Go now, and live in the spirit of your baptism,  
even when you are led into wild and hard places.  
With repentance and trust, give yourselves to God,  
and with fasting and prayer,  
strengthen yourselves against the ways of the tempter.

And may God enfold you in tender and lasting love.  
May Christ be beside you in times of struggle.  
And may the Spirit guide you back to the path  
whenever you stray, that you may keep the covenant.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

