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TABLE

Worship Gathering
Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018

Gathering as the Body

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

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.

The Jesus Creed

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.

Silence & Confession of Sin

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.**

Trisagion Hymn

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

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Song of Praise: Ever Be

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today
Faithful You have been and faithful you will be
You pledge yourself to me and it's why I sing

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips (x4)

You Father the orphan, your kindness makes us whole
And you shoulder our weakness
And your strength becomes our own
Now you're making me like you, clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes, for You will have Your bride
Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name and it's why I sing

You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord (repeat)

Collect of the Day

The Lord is here.

And His Spirit is with us.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves
to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and
inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all

adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Children

Let's bless one another as we continue to worship:

Adults: **The Lord be with you as you worship**

Kids: **And also with you.**

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your gospel is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips (x4)

Scripture Reading *Exodus 20:1-17*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm Reading *Psalm 19*

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.**

They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

**Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.**

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

**The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

**The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.**

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

**they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.**

By them your servant is warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern their own errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins;

may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart

be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

**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 Corinthians 1:18-25*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips (x4)

Gospel Reading *John 2:13-22*

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

...The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayers of the People

(A Litany of Lament - see insert)

The 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: 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: Have Mercy On Me

The goodness of the Lord is the kindness of the Lord
With ev'ry breath we take, the gift of life and grace
The power of the Lord is the meekness of the Lord
Who bore humanity with brave humility

*Let Your mercy flow through us, Your mercy, Your mercy
Let Your mercy flow through us, Your mercy, Your mercy*

The beauty of the Lord is the suff'ring of the Lord
Is Christ upon a tree, stripped of dignity
The glory of the Lord is the mercy of the Lord
Gives life for us to see a new humanity

When they see us, may they see your mercy, Your mercy
When they know us, may they know your mercy, Your mercy

Bless the hands and feet, of those who serve in need
Of the broken and ashamed
Bless the weary soul, the Lord will make us whole
God, speak peace to those afraid
May the words we speak build a bridge for peace
Your loving kindness shows the way
Open up our doors, giving refuge for all the weary and afraid

Song: We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

But if it's not okay, then it is not the end
And this is not okay, so I know this is not, this is not the end

*We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn, My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed - You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together bring shalom

Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips (x4)

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, with God's foolishness and weakness
as your only wisdom and strength.

Proclaim Christ crucified,
and seek riches only in the love of God's Word
and in zeal for God's house.

And may God's just demands be your nourishment & delight.
May Christ be the power and wisdom of God to you.
And may the Holy Spirit keep you, thought and word,
in God's good grace.

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.

