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Worship Gathering
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018

Gathering as the Body

Call to Worship: Come To Me

You are weighed down; you are worried.

Child I see you; child I know you.

Bring your burdens; bring your labor. Come to me.

Come to me, come to me

Come to me if you are weary

I will give you, I will give you my rest.

I am gentle; I am humble.

Let me teach you, let me show you.

Trade your burden; mine is easy. Come to me.

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: I Am Set Free

You broke my chains of sin and shame

And You covered me with grace

You mend my life with Your holy fire

You cover me with grace

And You are the hand that reaches out to save

I am set free, oh - I am set free, oh

It is for freedom that I am set free

Yes Lord we are grateful for

Your grace and for Your love

Collect of the Day

The Lord is here.

And His Spirit is with us.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.**

*I am set free, oh - I am set free, oh
It is for freedom that I am set free*

Scripture Reading *Numbers 21:4-9*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm Reading *Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—

those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

those he gathered from the lands,

from east and west, from north and south.

Some became fools through their rebellious ways

and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.

They loathed all food
and drew near the gates of death.

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.**

He sent out his word and healed them;
he rescued them from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind.**

Let them sacrifice thank offerings
and tell of his works with songs of joy.

**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 *Ephesians 2:1-10*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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It is for freedom that I am set free*

Gospel Reading *John 3:14-21*

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

Father, help me to step into your light and face my _____
as you continue the deep work of redeeming my heart.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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: Psalm 126

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us, O Lord, restore us, O Lord

*Although we are weeping
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry
Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy*

The nations will say, "He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us, O Lord, restore us, O Lord

Song: Open Up

You heard the cry of our hearts
And You came down
Freely You gave us Your love
Showing us how

Make me an instrument of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me shine light and
May Your love cause us to open up
Cause us to open up our hearts
May Your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the dark

All that we do without love
It means nothing
Grant us the courage to give
As You're calling

Hope for the hopeless, Your love is
Strength in our weakness, Your love is
May we love, as You love

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 as people made by God for good works.
Live your life in God openly in the light so all may see.
Celebrate God's love with a sacrifice of praise,
and tell your story of salvation with joy.

And may God show you the immeasurable riches of his grace.
May Christ lead you into the life prepared for you.
And may the Spirit gift you with faith for salvation.

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.

