

The 2nd Sunday in Lent - February 28, 2021



PRELUDE

WELCOME

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.

The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart.

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Faith comes from what is heard,

and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

GATHERING SONG

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!

As thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee, pure warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold sullen stream over me roll;

Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; oh, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Celebrate p.1)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

FIRST READING - Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 *(Celebrate p.1)*

PSALM - Psalm 22:23-31 *(Celebrate p.2)*

SECOND READING - Romans 4:13-25 *(Celebrate p.3)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!
Our hearts burn within us as you open to us the Scriptures.
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!
Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, chapter 8.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL - Mark 8:31-38 (*Celebrate p.3*)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

SONG - "Take Up Your Cross" (*see p.4*)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

God hears us when we cry, and draws close to us in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion. Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, our sins are forgiven, and remembers the no more. We are free to journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.
We share the peace.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Celebrate p.4*)

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
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

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
Amen

SENDING SONG

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy:
All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
Then by grace we all may win untold fruits of his creation.
Jesus, unto you I die, there to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since you are our head,
We are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be
In your presence constantly, living there with you forever.
Jesus, if I faithful be, life eternal grant to me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Take Up Your Cross

E F#m

In a world of man - y voic - es call - ing at me
The call is hard to swal-low. Take up your cross and fol-low.

Asus2 E Esus4

it's hard to hear the one that's true
The words reach deep in - side of me.

E F#m

E - ven when I hear it, when my heart dis-cerns it
I find my - self so troub-led, to lose my life, be hum-ble,

Asus2 E

I lack the will to see it through.
the sins with - in re - fuse to see.

Bsus2 Asus2

Though I'm fall - ing, fall - ing, the voice is al - ways call - ing.

E Esus4 E Esus4

Take up your cross. Take up your cross.

E Asus2 E

Take up your cross and fol - low me, and fol - low me.

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