

8:45 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(Please follow the ushers' direction on seating. We will maintain at least 6 feet between individuals unless you come as a family who live together.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Meditation on "Lift High the Cross" – C. Callahan

P. We prepare our hearts and minds for worship, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

CONFESSION:

P. Dear God, we have loved you, but not enough.

C. We have sought you, but not diligently.

P. We have seen, but not perceived.

C. We have heard, but not understood.

P. We have hoped for heavenly things.

C. But have clung to things of this earth.

P. Our hearts have been far from you, O Holy One.

C. Draw us now, in mercy, unto yourself, O God.

P. That the time to come may not be as the past.

C. That perceiving and loving you, we may find Joy in your service.

AMEN

P. The Lord Jesus loves us and continues to give Himself for us. He has died for us. He lives for us. He gives us life, free of any charge. We are forgiven and free, just as God created us to be.

C. AMEN

GATHERING HYMN: "Rise, Shine, You People!"

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered.

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.

2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.

All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.

3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.

To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.

4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
 Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
 Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
 God's new creation.

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APOSTOLIC GREETING:

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Dear God, we fall into despair because the good is used for evil. Thanks to your creative hand, we need not despair. Because you can take the darkness and make it shine with glory. Only you can turn curses into blessings. We praise your name. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

SERMON: “God and Jiu Jitsu”

Pastor Larry Isbell

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
 till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
 our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
 praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956

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APOSTLES' CREED:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

(At the end of each petition, the leader will say "Lord, in your mercy." Feel free to respond with "Hear our prayer.")

THE 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:

P. Now may God, who has loved us with a love beyond all telling, send us forth to care for the world around us and to share the good news of that love, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

- 3 Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

DISMISSAL:

- P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: “Amen” (Credo from an organ Mass) – C. Merula

Today's altar flowers are offered to the glory of God.

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