

2nd Sunday in Lent  
SERVICE OF THE WORD  
GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prayer and Meditation

Introduction to the Service

Gathering Hymn, "O Day of Rest and Gladness" ELW #521 vv. 1, 2

1. O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness,  
Most beautiful, most bright:  
On You the high and lowly,  
Through ages joined in tune.  
Sing "Holy, holy, holy,"  
To the great God Triune.
2. On You, at earth's creation,  
The light first had its birth;  
On You, for our salvation,  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
On You, our Lord victorious  
The Spirit sent from heav'n;  
And thus on You, most glorious,  
A three-fold light was given.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.  
Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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,

your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

## 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.**

## Kyrie

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word:  
it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole  
that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r;  
create in us new hearts!

## Hymn of Praise

**Glory be to Christ forever,  
Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior,  
you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us;  
now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;  
in your promise firm we stand.**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God.....and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## WRITTEN & SPOKEN WORD

### First Reading, Genesis 24:63

<sup>63</sup>"And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 1

*Congregation remains silent*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup>for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## Second Reading, Revelation 3:14-22

<sup>14</sup>And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God's creation:

<sup>15</sup>I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>For you say, "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing." You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup>Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. <sup>19</sup>I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. <sup>20</sup>Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. <sup>21</sup>To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Kid's Time

**Kid's Song**, "Jesus Loves Me" ELW #595 vv. 1, 2

- 1. Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so!**

- 2. Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so!**

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## Gospel Acclamation

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you;  
You are merciful and kind  
Slow to anger, rich in blessing,  
and with love to us inclined.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him."

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

**Sermon, "The Christian Habit of Meditation"**

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn, "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW #512**

**1. Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of Your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow  
and peace is understood.**

**2. When my heart is hard,  
break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost,  
lead me on Your way.  
Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

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**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty.....and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Offering**

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**Special Music**

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray. O God, receive these gifts..... through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

P: When we cry out, O God,

**C: Hear us, we pray.**

P: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven.....forever and ever. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**Blessing**

You are what God made you to be.....in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

**Announcements**

## Mission Statement

**Together in Christ**

**We reach up – Worship**

**We reach in -- Discipleship**

**We reach out – Evangelism**

**To the glory of God**

**Sending Hymn**, “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” ELW #534 vss. 1, 2, 4

**1. Savior, again to your dear name  
we raise with one accord  
our parting hymn of praise;  
Once more we bless you  
Ere our worship cease,  
Then, lowly bending,  
wait your word of peace.**

2. Grant us your peace  
upon our homeward way;  
with you began,  
with you shall end the day;  
guard all the lips from sin,  
the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have  
called upon your name.

**4. Grant us your peace  
throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow,  
and our stay in strife;  
then, when your voice shall  
bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord,  
to your eternal peace.**

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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## Confirmation Worship Notes Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Liturgical season \_\_\_\_\_ Liturgical color \_\_\_\_\_

Meaningful hymn for you today \_\_\_\_\_.

Sermon notes:

1. The focus for the sermon is the Christian Habit of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Who are some people in the Bible who meditated?

3. Christian meditation is not the same as the meditation of the Eastern religions.

Eastern meditation is an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the mind.

Christian meditation is an attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the mind.

4. Christian meditation is mostly an attachment. Who do we attach to during meditation?

5. There are different forms of Christian meditation.

The primary form of meditation is the meditation of \_\_\_\_\_.

Another type of meditation is meditating on \_\_\_\_\_.

Another form of meditation is to meditate upon the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ and to seek to perceive their significance.