

Service for March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent
SERVICE OF THE WORD
GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prayer and Meditation

Introduction to the Service

Gathering Hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" ELW #324 vv. 1, 2, 4

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All:

1. **In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.**

Cantor:

2. When the woes of life o'er take me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

All:

4. **Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.**

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

Cantor:

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, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WRITTEN & SPOKEN WORD

Psalm 81

The congregation remains silent

¹Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

²Raise a song, sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.

³Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our festal day.

⁴For it is a statute for Israel,
an ordinance of the God of Jacob.

⁵He made it a decree in Joseph,
when he went out over the land of Egypt.

I hear a voice I had not known:

⁶"I relieved your shoulder of the burden;
your hands were freed from the basket.

⁷In distress you called, and I rescued you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

⁸Hear, O my people, while I admonish you;

O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
⁹There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
¹⁰I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.
¹¹But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would not submit to me.
¹²So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels.
¹³O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!
¹⁴Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,
and turn my hand against their foes.
¹⁵Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,
and their doom would last forever.
¹⁶I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Epistle Lesson: Philippians 2:1-11

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Kid's Time

Kid's Song, "Love, love, love!"

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Love, love, love!
That's what it's all about!
'Cause God loves us,
We love each other,
mother, father, sister, brother.
Ev'rybody sing and shout,
'cause that's what it's all about!
It's about love, love, love!
It's about love, love, love!

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. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel, Mark 8:34-35

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

Sermon, "The Christian Habit of Submission"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn, "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW #685 vv. 1, 5, 6

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- 1. Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

- 5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.**

- 6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

A New Creed

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: O God, receive our prayers,

C: your mercy endures forever.

P: To you, O God.....through Jesus Christ our loving Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering

If you are worshipping online or by way of radio, you are encouraged to contribute to Zion's mission by giving online at our website at zlcw.org, through automatic giving, or mailing your donation to Zion Lutheran Church at PO Box 61, Warroad, MN 56763.

Special Music

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.....Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HEALING WORD

Introduction

Prayers of Intercession

Laying on of Hands

Prayer

SENDING

Blessing

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

Announcements

1. Loose Offering during Lent will go to the Food Shelf
2. Easter Services – Please register to attend the Easter services at 7:00 am and 9:00 am on Sunday, April 4. You may make reservations by contacting Zion's office at 218-387-1733, or email zlcw@mncable.net. or go to our website and click on Quick Links to make reservations. Also, a Worship Committee member will be taking reservations after each service during Lent. Please include in your registration information how many people will be attending from your household and others sitting with you. (parents, kids, grandkids, friends, etc.)

Mission Statement

Together in Christ

We reach up – Worship

We reach in -- Discipleship

We reach out – Evangelism

To the glory of God

Sending Hymn, "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" ELW #538

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**The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live.**

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with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live.**

**The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today.**

**The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;**

**that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today.**

Dismissal

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

Sending Music

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Confirmation Worship Notes Sunday, March 14, 2021

Name _____ Grade _____

1. Today's Christian Habit is _____
2. The opposite of submission is: _____

3. What freedom do we get when we learn submission?
The horrible burden of _____

4. Why are we commanded to live a life of submission?

5. Jesus died a "cross-_____" and lived a "cross-_____."

6. The New Testament writers did not bless the hierarchical social structure of the day. (A hierarchy is a system of persons ranked one above another.) Instead, they called for Christians to live a new way of living where _____ is submissive to _____.

7. Submission has its limits. It reaches the end of its goodness when it becomes _____.

8. What are seven relationships to which we are called to be submissive?