

February 25, 2018
Lord's Day 8, 9:30 a.m.
Second Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

■ WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Pre-Service Prayer (8:30 a.m., Room 202)

Pre-Service Singing (9:10 a.m.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Choral Introit - "O Love, How Deep"

Oh, Love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortal's sake!

For us baptized; for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp he knew; for us the tempter over-threw!

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign:
For us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forever and forever-more!

■ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*God's Greeting

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: Grace to you and peace.

All: Amen!

*Scriptural Call to Worship

Minister: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! (Psalm 95:1-2)

All: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High, to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. (Psalm 92:1-2)

*Hymn of Adoration and Praise - "Holy, Holy, Holy" (TH 100)

*Prayer of Invocation

*Confession of Faith - "The Apostles' Creed" (TH p. 845)

Minister: Christians, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come 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.*

■ GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

Reading of the Law - Exodus 20:1-17

Exhortation

Silent Prayer of Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

Song of Response - "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (BTT 32)

The Service of the Word

■ GOD CONSECRATES US IN WORSHIP

New Testament Reading - Romans 4:13-25

Prayer of the Church - Elder Guy Kemp

Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation - "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (TH 164)

*The Reading of Scripture - Matthew 28:16-20

The Sermon: "The Great Commission" by Rev. Michael Brown

The Service of the Table

■ GOD COMMUNES WITH US IN WORSHIP

Song of Preparation - "In Christ Alone"

*In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe;
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

The Lord's Supper

Although both wine and white grape juice are available during communion, the Elders strongly encourage everyone able to take wine.

Bread: "Amazing Love" (BTT 1)

Cup: "All Heaven Declares" (BTT 98)

Pastoral Benediction

Minister: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

■ GOD COMMISSIONS US IN WORSHIP

*The Doxology

*The Benediction

*Postlude
