

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new. **Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy. God at the margins, **We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of ✝ Christ, leading you from death into life. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING SONG: *Christ, the Life of All the Living* (Red Hymnal # 339)

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 (Red Hymnal p. 147)
CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red Hymnal p. 148)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. **Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from Isaiah.

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

PSALM: Psalm 126



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Red Hymnal p. 151)

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor Michael Peuse

HYMN OF THE DAY *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* (Red Hymnal # 597)

CREED (Red Hymnal p. 104)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Intercessory Response: O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (Red Hymnal # 751)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (Red Hymnal # 188)

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. **Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.**

DIALOGUE (Red Hymnal p. 152)

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Red Hymnal p. 153)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER (Red Hymnal p. 154)

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. **Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ✝ bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Take My Life, That I may Be* (Red Hymnal # 685)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

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