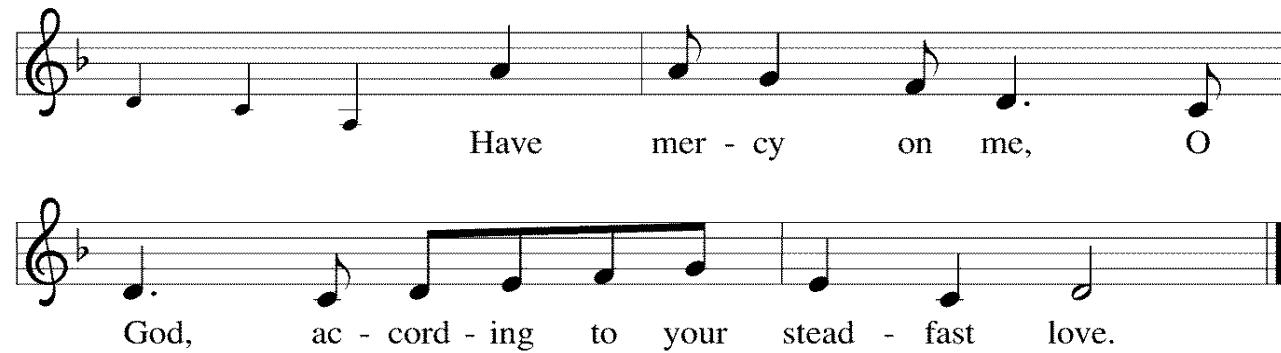


PSALM: Psalm 51:1-17



GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

GATHERING SONG *Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved*

(Red Hymnal # 602)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness 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 58:1-12

A reading from Isaiah.

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

Psalm 103

⁸LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

⁹**you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.**

¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

¹¹**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**

¹²As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

¹³**As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.**

¹⁴For you know well how we are formed;
you remember that we are but dust.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:20b--6:10

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Red Hymnal p. 252)

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*

(Red Hymnal # 609)

INVITATION TO LENT

CONFESSION OF SIN

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Hear us O God, Your mercy is great.*

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

(Red Hymnal p. 112)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *What Feast of Love*

(Red Hymnal # 487)

PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**