**St. Mark’s Worship Sunday February 21, 2021**

**Welcome to our Online Worship**

**1st Sunday of Lent (Jesus in the wilderness)**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Call To Worship**

***Opening Song – Lord of All Hopefulness Verse 1-4 ELW 765***

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,

Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:

Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,

Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:

Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,

Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,

Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:

Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,

Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,

Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

**Mission Statement**

**“**Celebrating God’s Love and Forgiveness, We serve others”

**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**

From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty; grace and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Psalms 25:1-10**

*1To you, O Lord,*

*I lift up my soul.*

*2My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,*

*nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

*3Let none who look to you be put to shame;*

*rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.*

*4Show me your ways, O Lord,*

*and teach me your paths.*

*5Lead me in your truth and teach me,*

*for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.*

*6Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,*

*for they are from everlasting.*

*7Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;*

*remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.*

*8You are gracious and upright, O Lord;*

*therefore you teach sinners in your way.*

*9You lead the lowly in justice*

*and teach the lowly your way.*

*10All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness*

*to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel – Mark 1: 9-15**

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God’s reign.

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” 12And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon** Pastor Karla Halvorson

***Hymn of the Day – O Lord Throughout These 40 Days Verse 1-4 ELW 319***

O Lord, throughout these forty days

You prayed and kept the fast;

Inspire repentance for our sin,

And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and you won;

Your faithfulness endured;

Lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust

In God's eternal word.

Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed

And fixed your mind above;

So teach us to deny ourselves

That we may know God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord,

And all our earthly days,

That when the final Easter dawns,

We join in heaven's praise.

**Prayers of Intercession**

Leader: Hear us, O God.

**Congregation: Your mercy is great.**

**Blessing of prayer quilts**

**The Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*(you may share the peace of Christ with anyone who is with you, share the peace in the comments, text an offering of peace to someone, or simply send a prayer of blessing and peace to someone.)*

**Offering**

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***Offering Song – Create in Me a Clean Heart Verse 1 ELW 188***

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,

And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,

And uphold me with your free Spirit.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be**

**done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as**

**we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us**

**from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**Community Time**

**Blessing**

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,

in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

***Sending Song – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Verse 1-4 LBW 229***

A mighty fortress is our God,

A sword and shield victorious;

He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod

And wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe

Has sworn to work us woe!

With craft and dreadful might

He arms himself to fight.

On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!

We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight,

Whom God himself elected.

You ask who this may be?

The Lord of hosts is he!

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,

God's only Son, adored.

He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land

All threat'ning to devour us,

We tremble not, unmoved we stand;

They cannot overpow'r us.

Let this world's tyrant rage;

In battle we'll engage!

His might is doomed to fail;

God's judgment must prevail!

One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,

No thanks to foes, who fear it;

For God himself fights by our side

With weapons of the Spirit.

Were they to take our house,

Goods, honor, child, or spouse,

Though life be wrenched away,

They cannot win the day.

The kingdom's ours forever!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Share the Peace of the Lord in the comments below!**