**St. Mark’s Worship Sunday February 28, 2021**

**Welcome to our Online Worship**

***2nd Sunday of Lent***

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Call To Worship**

***Opening Song – Lord Speak to Us that We Might Speak Verse 1-4 ELW 676***

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak

In living echoes of your tone;

As you have sought, so let us seek

Your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead

The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;

Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed

Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach

The precious truths which you impart;

And wing our words, that they may reach

The hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,

Until our very hearts o'erflow

In kindling thought and glowing word,

Your love to tell, your praise to show.

**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**

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake 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.**

**Psalm: Psalm 22:23-31**

### *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)*

### 23You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory.

### Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off spring of Israel.

### 24For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord‘s

### face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

### 25From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

### I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

### 26The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

### Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

### 27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

### all the families of nations shall bow before God.

### 28For dominion belongs to the Lord,

### who rules over the nations.

### 29Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

### all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord.

### 30Their descendants shall serve the Lord,

### whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

### 31They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,

### saying to them, “The Lord has acted!”

### Lesson 2 – Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.

13The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.  
  16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” 19He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. 20No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” 23Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Return to God with all your heart**

**The source of grace and mercy.**

**Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel – Mark 8:31-38**

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter’s response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

31Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” 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. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon** Pastor Karla Halvorson

***Hymn of the Day – Lord Jesus You Shall be My Song Verse 1-4 ELW 808***

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;

I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:

You alone are our life and our peace and our love.

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.

May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,

To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.

For you saved me by giving your body and blood.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;

But courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

And with all of the family you saved by your love,

We'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

**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 – Soon and Very Soon Verse 1-4 ELW 439***

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

We are goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

We are goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

We are goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,

We’re are goin' to see the King!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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