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March 27th, 2022 – Lent 4

Welcome & Acknowledgement

(anything in **bold** we invite you to say with us)

Opening Sentence –

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him:
Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.
Luke 15.18

Opening Hymn – God himself is with us

The Penitential Rite

Dear friends in Christ,
as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Introductory Responses

Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading - Joshua 5:9-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm for the day -- Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through
my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of
summer. Selah**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to
you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty
waters shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you
should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon
you.**

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**Many are the torments of the wicked, but
steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the
LORD.**

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Watch over us, loving God, and when we fall into sin teach us to acknowledge our guilt. May we forgive and be forgiven, for the sake of the one who was wounded for our transgressions, Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour.

Amen

2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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Gradual Hymn -- our father, we have wandered

The Gospel - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

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Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection -- 2022 Lenten Season

The Beatitudes Sermon Series
Gospel Theme: 15:1-3, 11b-32
The Prodigal Son

Beatitude - Mathew 5:4

"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you."

Affirmation of Faith. -- The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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.**

Prayers For the Community

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying,
"Lord hear our prayer."

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of
unity, service, and praise.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Amen

Collect #1

God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection.

Remain with us and give us hope so that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation,

**but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect #2

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Closing Hymn – great God, your love had called us here

The Dismissal

Doxology

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**
**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen**

May the God of peace enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness, working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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