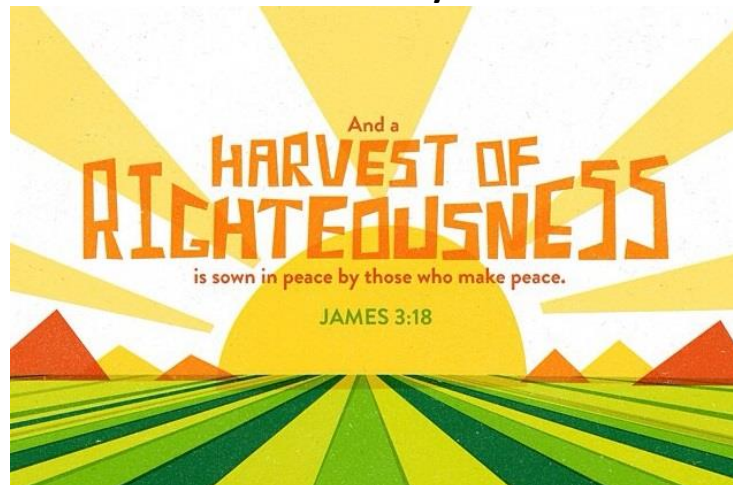


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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon
abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and
oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our
sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love
to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

You Are the Seed

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark. You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, to witness wherever you go.
(Refrain)

You are the flame that will lighten the dark, So resplendent with hope, faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world to waters and pastures of peace. You are the friends that I chose for myself, you're the word that I want to proclaim. You are the new reign of God built on rock where justice and truth are at home. (Refrain)

You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield. There is no place for a city to hide, there's no mountain can cover its might; let your light shine so that your loving works give honor and glory to God.
(Refrain)

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Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming the great love of God, messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forevermore, till the end of the world."

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and peace and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Message

1st Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Psalm

Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil WOV 713

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the needs of your world.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where righteousness and peace are understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 into hell. 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 of Intercession

Peace

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence the prayer that Jesus taught us...

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 and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table food that is abundant life. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to go out into classrooms and workplaces, offices and fields, volunteer sites and our own homes hungry only to love the world. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

May God be on your mind, in your heart, on your right and on your left as you go from this place blessed to be a blessing

Sending Hymn

My Life Flows On In Endless Song

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet
though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. (refrain)

(refrain) No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in
my soul. How can I keep from singing? (refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though
the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are
mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (refrain)

Dismissal Go in peace. Put your faith into action. **Thanks be to God!**