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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.**

Opening Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days

The glory of these forty days, we celebrate with songs of praise; For Christ, through Whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw, the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting came the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight, Delivered from the lion's might;
And John, the bride groom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant O God, that we may too, Return in fast and prayer to you
Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.**

Children's Message

New Testament Reading

Romans 4:13-25

The 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. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For 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, as 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. Hoping against hope, he believed that

he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He 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. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Psalm

Psalm 22:23-31

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

For 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.

From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

Indeed, 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.

Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”

Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus 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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But 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.” He 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. For 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those 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.”

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off. To find where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you**

Offering

Offering Prayer

**Generous God, you free us at the font and feed us at the table. You provide for
our every need. Receive our gifts of time, talents and treasures and transform
them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.
Amen.**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Communion

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you send to us Jesus, your Son, who reaches out to heal the sick and suffering, who preaches good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opens his arms to all.

Song Before Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees, Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me

Let us praise God together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me

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 our savior gave 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 Prayer

God of Promises, at your feast you have fed us with your grace, filling us with hope to sustain us on this Lenten journey. May we carry the promises we have received out into the world who needs to know your love and tender care. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Benediction

Sending 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)

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."

Yes, I can!

Yes, I can
believe
in God
promises!

