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## LENT 4

March 11, 2018 — 5:00 pm

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

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#### THE ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son **✝** and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

**P** During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

**G** Amen.

**P** With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Merciful God,

**G** you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.  
We fail in love, neglect justice,  
and ignore your truth.

**Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.  
Create in us clean hearts  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**P** Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God has heard your prayers and forgives you all of your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the Son **✠** and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**G** And also with you.

### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

*While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.*

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians who confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and His Real Presence in the bread and wine, are welcome to the Lord's Supper. We will gladly commune anyone in their seat if they are unable to come forward for communion. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray. **Gluten-free communion wafers** are available upon request.*

### THE BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**G** Amen.

### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray,

**G** **Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE BENEDICTION

**P** May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and **✠** give you peace.

**G** Amen.

**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.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

- P** The Lord be with you.      **C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.      **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we give our praise to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:  
**C** **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.**

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**

*To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.      **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

*Pastor Marlin Wangness*

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

- P** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.  
**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**