

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (Share God's peace with one another.)

*Closing Prayers — Holden Evening Prayer

*Lord's Prayer: Traditional Version

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Benediction

***Sending Hymn: "Hark! Real Presence, Jesus Brings"—LBW #60**

1. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb!
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! Real Presence Jesus brings, "Glory to the King of kings."

2. Christ, in earthly flesh we see, Unexpected Trinity,
Neighbors need the love we share, Saving grace in human care.
Present in the Word He gives, Present in the Bread He lives,
Sent forth in His name we sing, sin & death have lost their sting.
Hark! Real Presence Jesus brings, "Glory to the King of kings."

*Dismissal

P: Repent and Believe in the Gospel!

C: Thanks be to God!

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2021 Midweek Lenten Worship

"Real Presence in Unexpected Places!"

Welcome

*Invocation:

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

C: The Light no darkness can overcome.

P: Stay with us now for it is evening,

C: And the day is almost over.

P: Let your Light scatter the darkness,

C: And shine within your people here.

*Prayer:

***Gathering Song: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" — LBW #42**

1. Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He
Of the things that are and have been,
And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore.

2. He is found in human fashion, Death and sorrow here to know,
That the race of Adam's children, Doomed by law to endless woe,
May not henceforth die and perish,
In the dreadful gulf below, Evermore and evermore!

3. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father, And, with Holy Ghost, to
Thee, Hymn & chant and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be; Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory, Evermore and evermore.

*Greeting:

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

C: And Also with you.

P: The Word is near you.

C: On your lips and in your heart.

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: And believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

P: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: And what is heard comes through the Word of Christ.

Scripture Reading:

Sermon: Rev. David Steffenson

***Song of the Day: "In Christ Alone"**

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand. Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*Confession:

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: 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, 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, & was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

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