

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Lord's Day May 12th, 2019

# PRELUDE

The Lord is in his ho - ly tem - ple, the Lord is in his ho - ly

tem - ple; let all the earth keep si - lence, let all the earth keep

si - lence be - fore him, keep si - lence, keep si - lence be - fore him.

# ∫ SILENT CONFESSION

## ∫ CORPORATE CONFESSION

Minister: O LORD, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and rules.

Congregation: *O LORD, we have sinned against You.*

all the people of the land. To You, O LORD, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as it is today, to all the Israel of God, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which You have driven them, because of the treachery that we have committed against You. To us, O LORD, belongs open shame, to our rulers, to our leaders, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

Congregation: *O LORD, we have sinned against You.*

Minister: To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against Him and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God by walking in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. All the Israel of God has transgressed Your law and turned aside, refusing to obey Your voice. And the curse and oath that are written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out upon us, because we have sinned against Him. He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our rulers who ruled us, by bringing upon us great calamity. For under the whole heaven there has not been done anything like what has been done against His people. As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this calamity has come upon us; yet we have not entreated the favor of the LORD our God, turning from our iniquities and gaining insight by Your truth. Therefore the LORD has kept ready calamity and has brought it upon us, for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works that He has done, and we have not obeyed His voice.

Congregation: *O LORD, we have sinned against You.*

Minister: And now, O LORD our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for Yourself, as it is this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly. O LORD, according to all Your righteous acts, let Your anger and Your wrath turn away from Your people, who are called by Your name, because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Your people have become a byword among all the nations.

*All: Now therefore, O our God, listen to the prayer of Your servants and to our pleas for mercy, and for Your own sake, O LORD, make your face to shine upon Your sanctuaries. O our God, incline Your ear and hear. Open Your eyes and see our desolation. For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of the righteousness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, mercy made flesh for Your people. O LORD, hear; O LORD, forgive. O LORD, pay attention and act. Delay not, for Your own sake and for Your Son's sake, O our God, and for Your people who are called by Your name. Amen.*

(from Dan. 9)

## ∫ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Minister: Brothers and sisters, hear the LORD's words of pardon to you:

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. (Colossians 2:13-14)

ALL: *Thanks be to the LORD!*

## †PSALM OF ASCENDING #119L

†RESPONSIVE READING

## PSALM 19

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

Congregation: *Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.*

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

*Congregation: Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.*

Leader: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

*Congregation: The law of Yahweh is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of Yahweh is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring forever; the rules of Yahweh are true, and righteous altogether.*

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Congregation: *Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.*

Leader: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.  
**ALL: *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Yahweh, my rock and my redeemer.***

Leader: This is the Word of the Yahweh!  
**Congregation: *Thanks be to God!***

†HYMN  
LORD OF THE SABBATH, HEAR US PRAY #151  
† NICENE CREED (See Insert)

∫PASTORAL PRAYER  
∫THE LORD'S PRAYER  
†READING OF THE COVENANT

Minister: Hear now the LORD's holy, infallible, and inerrant Word.

First Reading: **Deuteronomy 30:11–20**  
Second Reading: **1 Kings 13:1–10**  
Third Reading: **Mark 3:1–6**

Minister: This is the Word of the LORD!  
**Congregation: *The LORD our God we will serve, and His voice we will obey!***

†PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF THE COVENANT

*TO SAVE LIFE, OR TO KILL*  
MARK 3:1–6

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

†INVITATION TO THE COVENANT MEAL

Minister: The LORD be with you!  
**Congregation: *And also with you!***  
Minister: Lift up your hearts!  
**Congregation: *We lift them up to the LORD!***  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the LORD!

**Congregation: *It is good and right so to do!***  
Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God; You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which You have prepared for those who love You. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing,

†SANCTUS (See Insert)

∫ TERMS OF PEACE

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the faith,  
**ALL: *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!***

†PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

†THE COVENANT MEAL  
Nehemiah 8:1–12, Revelation 19:1–10

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri*

RESPONDING IN THANKS

†PSALM OF PRAISE #1B

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

†DOXOLOGY

†CONSECRATION OF THE OFFERINGS

† BENEDICTION

†HYMN OF DESCENDING  
O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING #291 (1, 2, 7)

†THE LORD'S COMMISSION  
MATTHEW 28:19–20

**Congregation: *Thanks be to God!***

POSTLUDE

