

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Lord's Day February 9th, 2020

† *Those who are able please rise.*
∫ *Those who are able please kneel.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP



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.

(from Hab. 2:20)

CONFESSION OF SIN

∫ 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.*

Minister: We have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our rulers, our leaders, and our fathers, and to 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 the sake of Your Son and Spirit, O our God, and for Your people who are called by Your name. Amen.*

(from Dan. 9)

∫ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Minister: Therefore thus says Yahweh: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before Me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as My mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to

this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares Yahweh. (Jeremiah 15:19-20)

ALL: *Thanks be to the LORD!*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

†PSALM OF ASCENDING

#51C: 1-4

†RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 139:1-16

Leader: O Yahweh, you have searched me and known me!

Congregation: *You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.*

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Congregation: *Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Yahweh, You know it altogether.*

Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

Congregation: *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.*

Leader: Where shall I go from Your Spirit?

Congregation: *Or where shall I flee from Your presence?*

Leader: If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

Congregation: *If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.*

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to You; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.

Congregation: *For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb.*

Leader: I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Congregation: *Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well!*

Leader: My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

ALL: *Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.*

Leader: This is the Word of the LORD!

Congregation: *Thanks be to God!*

†HYMN #282

I GREET THEE, WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART

† 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: **Proverbs 27: 5-6**

Second Reading: **Philemon 1-25**

Third Reading: **Mark 9:30-32**

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

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS AND THE FEAR IT CREATES

MARK 9:30-32

MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

† PSALM OF PRAISE #98C

† 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

† CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Gloria Patri*

RESPONDING IN THANKS

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

† DOXOLOGY

† CONSECRATION OF THE OFFERINGS

† RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS TO THE COVENANT COMMUNITY
(SEE HANDOUT)

† BENEDECTION

† HYMN OF DESCENDING #409: 1, 5

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

† THE LORD'S COMMISSION

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Congregation: *Thanks be to God!*

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