

Parking Lot Service
March 14, 2021, 4TH Sunday in Lent
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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

P: When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,

C: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

P: As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord, who continues to be our God and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.
(based on Exodus 20:1-2)

Prayers of Confession and Absolution:

P: Let us share with God what God already knows . . . Awesome and compassionate God,

C: you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen

Musical Interlude for Confession & Prayer

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Divine Word, You sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 16:19-31

Message:

Song of the Day:

Only by Grace W&P 112 (see back for music/words)

Apostles' Creed:

Prayers of the Church:

The Peace:

P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C) And also with you.

Offering:

The Sacrament of Holy Communion:

P: Come, then, for all is ready.

C: Christ was raised up to life, death swallowed up, and victory is won. Alleluia!

P: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Words of Institution:

P) The gifts of God for the people of God. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes again.

C) Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer:

Distribution:

Post Communion Blessing:

ALL: O amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation. Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness to touch an ordinary everyday world with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

Benediction:

P: Because in Christ, God has first loved us,

ALL: We are called to Love God and Love Others

Only by Grace

On-ly by grace can we en - ter, on - ly by grace can we stand;
not by our hu - man en - deav - or,
but by the blood of the Lamb. In - to your pres - ence you call
us, you call us to come.
In - to your pres - ence you draw us, and now by your grace we come,
now by your grace we come. *Fine*
Lord, if you mark our trans - gres - sions, who would
stand? Thanks to your grace we are cleansed
by the blood of the Lamb. *D.C. al fine*

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score includes a repeat sign for the final line, marked 'D.C. al fine'. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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