

# First Sunday in Lent

**FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

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## **OUR VISION**

*"To be a Kingdom Building Church"*

## **OUR MISSION**

*To Build God's Kingdom by being mission oriented, worshipfully connected, and biblically driven.*

## **OUR VALUES**

*We strive to worship and serve God with excellence, passion, grace and commitment.*

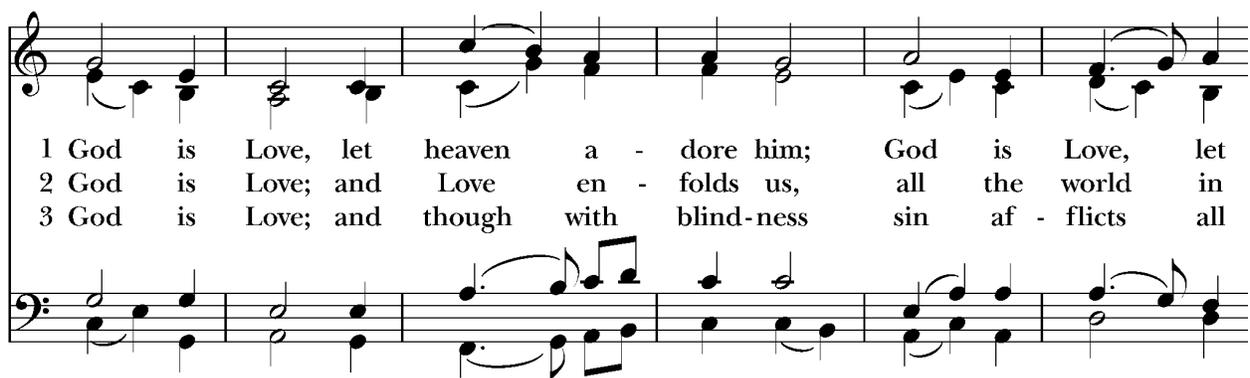
## **PRELUDE**

What Wondrous Love is This

*People stand as they are able.*

## **The Welcome and Opening Acclamation**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *God is Love, let heaven adore him (Abbot's Leigh) (H 379)*



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People His mercy endures forever.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**OPENING PRAISE**

**GLORIA**

**Gloria - 2**

(Mit Freuden zart)

Nikolaus Decius; tr F. Bland Tucker, rev

from "Une pastourelle gentille" 1529

1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
 2. O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
 3. You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

4  
 hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be to all peo - ple  
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up - on the cross to  
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who was be - fore cre -

8  
 giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
 save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
 a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

11  
 your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## The Word of God

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17**

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*The people stand as they are able*

### **PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.  
<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.  
<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.  
<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.  
<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.  
<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.  
<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right \*

and teaches his way to the lowly.

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### GLORIA PATRI

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<sup>18</sup>Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*The people stand as they are able*

### 36-SEQUENCE HYMN (V 1/2) *Lord, who throughout these forty days (St. Flavian) (H 142)*

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,  
3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,  
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas - sion - tide,  
5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.  
 3 to die to self, and chief-ly live by thy most ho-ly word.  
 4 yea, ev-er-more, in life and death, Je-sus! with us a-bide.  
 5 an Eas-ter of un-end-ing joy we may at-tain at last!

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The people sit*

**THE SERMON**

*The people stand as they are able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*All say together*

We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The people kneel as they are able.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) \_\_\_\_\_; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present. I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_. I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially \_\_\_\_\_ whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

*Deacon or Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*All say together*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

*Bishop or Priest*

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.  
*Amen.*

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

*The Priest says*

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy  
and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

## **OFFERTORY**

### **Breathe on Us Again**

O Lord hear, O Lord forgive us. We have lost the awe of You. Have mercy, have mercy.  
O Lord, cleanse our hearts which are divided. Stir the faith that we once knew.  
We're thirsty, we're thirsty.

CHORUS: O Lord restore the church that bears Your name.  
O Spirit send a revival to this nation. Breathe on us again, Breathe on us again.

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## **DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Celebrant and People*

All things come from you, Oh Lord, \*and from your own hand we have given to you.

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*Celebrant*

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

*Celebrant and People*

## **SANCTUS**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name, the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

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.

*A period of silence is kept*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*A period of silence is kept*

*Then may be sung or said*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Holy Communion is open to all who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and who discern in the Sacrament the Body and Blood of Christ. You may receive the bread alone or both "in kind."*

### **POST COMMUNION HYMN**

#### **Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**

Jesus walk'd this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself,  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, He had to walk it by Himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, We don't have to walk it by ourselves  
Oh, Jesus is there to walk it with us, We don't have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trials, You don't have to stand it by yourself  
the Spirit is there to stand it with you, You don't have to stand it by yourself.  
Traditional spiritual from Singing America. Words altered.

*The people stand as they are able*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Celebrant and People**

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Celebrant says*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“Are we in that final generation?”**

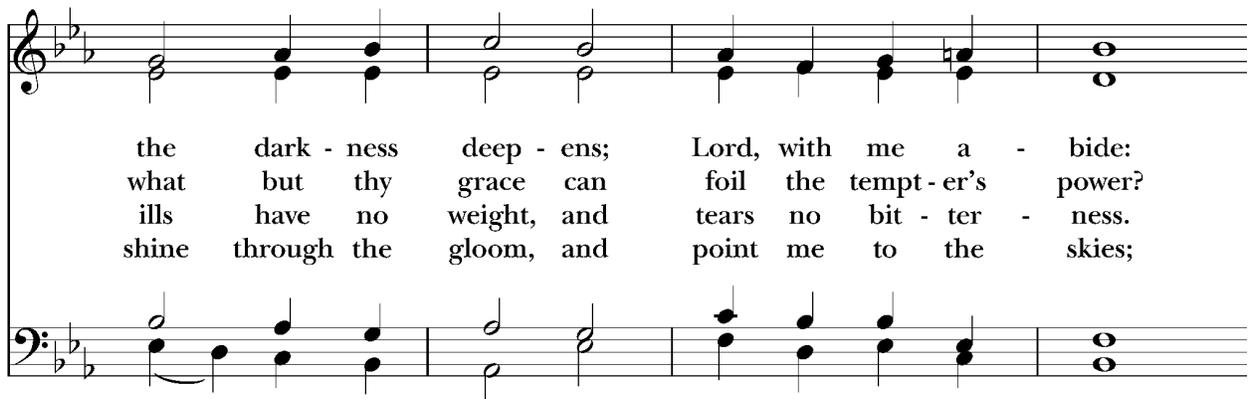
**Wednesdays at 7:00pm on Good Shepherd Church live Facebook page**, Bill Stetson will be examining “...as the days of Noah were, so the coming of man will be...”. We will look at current events and technologies, exploring bible scripture and readings in the apocrypha and current literature, to explore the questions raised by the prophecies for the “end of the age.”

Remember you can send in your **tithes and offerings** through the link on the church web page [www.goodshepherdcedarhill.com](http://www.goodshepherdcedarhill.com) (scroll to the bottom to find it), or if you want to give by sending a check, please use the PO Box address to send those to the church. The PO Box address is on the back page of this bulletin.

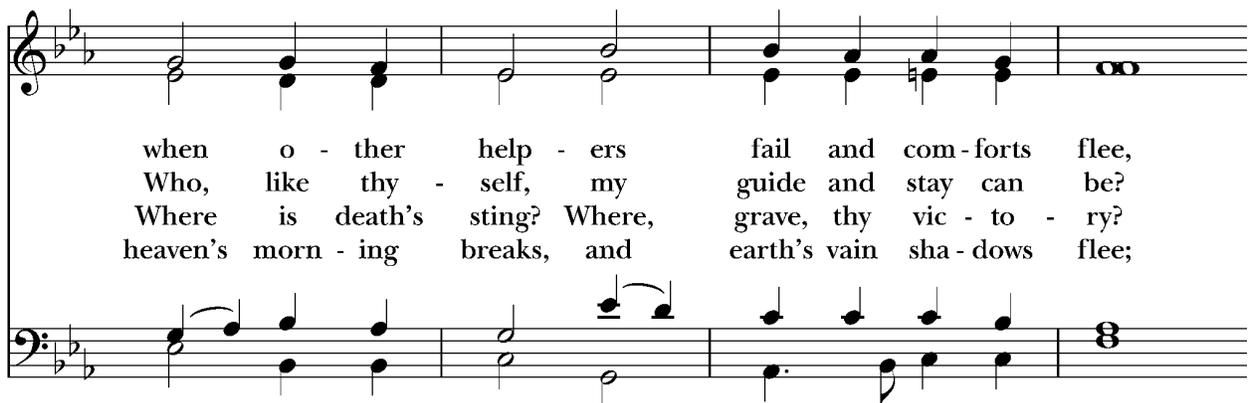
RECESSIONAL HYMN (V 1,2,4) *Abide with me: fast falls the eventide (Eventide) (H 662)*



1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help-less, O a-bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun-shine, Lord, a-bide with me.  
 I tri-umph still, if thou a-bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a-bide with me.

**DISMISSAL**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

Short prelude in C (BWV 553) J.S. Bach

**PRAYERS**

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Diocese of Dallas Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

Dallas--St. Matthew's Cathedral: The Very Rev. Rob Price, The Ven. Diana Luck, The Rev. Mark Hall, The Rev. Pam Dunbar

**All men and women serving in the military**

**Our missionaries at home and abroad**

**The concerns of our parish:** Jennifer, Sheri, Michael, Earl, and the Bane family for the passing of Toby's father, Monique, Jones family, and Marc Hutchins.

Lord we pray for all those who reach out to us on the web site. Hear our prayers as we pray with them.

We pray for a renewed spirit of bipartisanship in the face of our many and serious problems, President, Joe Biden and Vice President, Kamala Harris, Congress, The House of Representatives, The Supreme Court, and our nation.



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