**Fifth Sunday in Lent - 21 March 2021**

**GATHER**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness *Please rise in body or spirit.***

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

**C AMEN.**

P Let us come home to God, confessing our sins. ***Silence is kept for reflection***

P Merciful Father,

**C HAVE MERCY ON US. IN SO MANY WAYS we have sinned against heaven and before you. We do not fully live as your sons and daughters. We use your gifts to our own ends. Forgive us and restore us, that we may resist all that draws us away from you, and be at peace with one another. AMEN.**

P We are reconciled to God through Christ; for His sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of ✠ Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

**C AMEN**

**Gathering Song (Ensemble)** # 660 “Lift High the Cross”

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

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

**C AND ALSO WITH YOU.** ***A brief silence is kept before the prayer***

P Lord of the lost, we are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But You show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor Your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord.

**C AMEN.** ***Please be seated***

**WORD**

**Children’s Time**

**Psalm & Gloria** Psalm 31:23,24

**Preaching Text**  Luke 18:31–19:10

The Gospel of the Lord/**THANKS BE TO GOD.** ***Please be seated***

**Sermon** “Zacchaeus”

**Special Music**

**Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please rise in body or spirit***

A Fixing our eyes on Jesus, let us pray...

Hear us, O God/**YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

P Merciful God, You hear the prayers of Your people ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C AMEN. *Please be seated***

**MEAL**

**Offering the Gifts and Tithes *Please rise in body or spirit***

A Let us pray. God our provider, You have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these Your gifts, which we receive from Your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

1. ***Receive the chalice at the chancel rail.***
	1. ***Return to your seat.***
	2. ***Open bread seal. Take and eat.***
	3. ***Open wine seal. Take and drink.***
2. ***The usher will collect the used chalice.***
3. ***Note: the bread is gluten free.***

**C AMEN.**

**Thanksgiving & Words of Institution**

P The Lord be with You

**C and also with You.**

P Lift up Your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and gave thanks...

**Lord’s Prayer**  ***Using “trespasses”***

P All who thirst, all who hunger, come, and be filled with the goodness of God. ***Please be seated***

***After the distribution, please rise in body or spirit.***

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen You and keep You in His grace.

**C AMEN.**

**Prayer after Communion**

A Let us pray. O God, in this holy meal You have embraced us and gathered us into Your arms of compassion and protection. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need;.

**C AMEN.**

**Sending of Communion**

P Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share Your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick/homebound/imprisoned. In Your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of Your Son, that we may all feast upon Your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C AMEN.**

**SEND**

**Benediction**

P The Maker of all, the Word made flesh, the Giver of life, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C AMEN.**

**Announcements and Dismissal**

Go in peace. Remember the poor/**THANKS BE TO GOD.**