

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14

GRADUAL HYMN: "Christ, Be Our Light"

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "We Do Not Live by Bread Alone"

REFLECTION

THE APOSTLES' CREED:

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

For the sake of our well-being,

we seek forgiveness for the ways we have failed to love ourselves as you love us.

For the sake of our loved ones,

we seek forgiveness for the ways we have failed to bring out the best in others and ourselves.

For the sake of our community,

we seek forgiveness for the ways we have worked against peace and goodwill.

For the sake of all creation,

we seek forgiveness for the ways we have failed to tread lightly on this earth.

For the sake of your dream,

we seek forgiveness for the ways we have failed to build your peaceable Kingdom.

Forgive us, we pray.

[Silent prayer]

Let us not lose heart or give up.

Each day of prayer and love brings us closer to God's grace and glory.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERTORY: "These Gifts We Bring"

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son.

Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: Eucharistic Prayer #2, BAS p196.

Sanctus: sung – see Pew Card