

## Prayers:

Together, let us pray to the Lord...

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.**

L: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Holy Communion Liturgy

### The Lord's Prayer

**Blessing                      Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)                      Luke 2:29-32**

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation  
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for  
revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

### Distribute Communion

#### Sending:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen**

*Take with you the prepackaged communion for your family to consume in your car: **Body and Blood of Christ, given for you. A Post Communion Prayer is printed below for you.** Please exit safely, practice social distancing and thank you for wearing your mask correctly as you depart. If you would like to stay to watch the sun set thank you for using the same protocols.*

#### Prayer after Communion

God of the welcome table,  
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united  
by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by  
these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life. Amen.

## **OUTDOOR EVENING VESPERS WITH HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

- Thank you for arriving by 6:30 pm to allow time for parking and set up
- Thank you for bringing your own chairs, umbrellas, and/or blankets
- We will have ushers wearing safety vest, masks, and gloves if you have any questions
- An usher will offer to each car directions on parking
- Designated parking will be made available for those who must remain in their car as they are unable to wear a mask or unable to navigate to the lawn area
- Please set up for you and your household only
- Space between families must be (6) six feet apart. Markers will guide families on spacing
- Wearing a mask correctly is required for ages 10 and up. The State of MD encourages children ages 2-9 to wear masks if possible
- Individuals are asked to bring/use their own hand sanitizer; Salem will not provide hand sanitizer
- There is a table with main offering box
- Prepackaged communion will be offered. One member of your household will be invited to receive communion for the entire household from the presider who will be wearing gloves and mask. As we finish worship, you and your family will be invited to exit to share communion in the safety of your car
- No animals allowed
- The building is closed to the public
- Restrooms are not available
- Worship will last approximately 30 minutes
- Worship will not include children's sermon
- We will take a group picture to identify who participated in worship and ask guests to send an email listing their name to Pastor Betty
- We will not gather for worship if it rains as previously stated. Currently rain date is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please note, future worship will be cancelled for extreme weather conditions.

We ask people not to attend worship if they are feeling ill, have been exposed to COVID-19, or have compromised immune systems. We welcome people to participate in online worship and protect those at high risk from any social stigma associated with their decision not to attend.

### Opening Dialog:

L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**  
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**and the day is almost over.**  
Let your light scatter the darkness  
**and illumine your church.**

### Lector: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills **where does my help come from?**  
My help comes from the LORD, **the Maker of heaven and earth.**  
He will not let your foot slip **he who watches over you will not slumber;**  
indeed, he who watches over Israel **will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
The LORD watches over you **the LORD is your shade at your right hand;**  
the sun will not harm you by day, **nor the moon by night.**  
The LORD will keep you from all harm **he will watch over your life;**  
the LORD will watch over your **coming and going both now and forevermore.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: We gather in person in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and personal confession.*

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved.

In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

**All: Amen**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you. (Please wave at your neighbor)

**All: Amen**

**LECTOR: Gospel Canticle The Song of Mary Luke 1:46-55**

“My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:15-20

**Homily**

Meditative music for quiet reflection / Hand bell music

**Back-To-School Blessing**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**