

Prayers:

Together, let us pray to the Lord...

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

L: Let us bless the Lord. **ALL: Thanks and all praise be to God. Amen.**

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **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

L: Body and Blood of Christ, given for you. *(We will commune as one together once the elements are distributed. Thank you for lifting your masks momentarily to take the communion elements and correctly repositioning the masks.)*

Sending:

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

*If preferred, you may take with you the prepackaged communion for your family to consume in your car. **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 WITH HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

- Thank you for arriving by 5 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 commune as one with the congregation or to exit to share communion in the safety of your car
- No animals allowed during the worship service
- 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 October 11th. 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. **FM Transmitter channel FM 107.1 to use if listening in car.**

Opening Dialog:

L: God is our light and our salvation

C: Our refuge and our stronghold

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: We praise your name, O God.

L: For with you is the fountain of life,

C: And in your light we see light.

Lector: Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the LORD!

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:30-32

Homily

Meditative music for quiet reflection / Hand bell music

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.

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