

Fifth Sunday in Lent, Year B ..... Mar 21, 2021

## INVITATION AND GATHERING

### WELCOME

### CENTERING WORDS

The Holy One renews our bodies with strength and fills our longing hearts with peace. Our mighty God opens our hands to share love with the world. May our ears be full of Christ's story, and may our lips proclaim God's praises and amazing deeds.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING ..... Mark 12:38-44**

**\* OPENING HYMN: # 328 ..... Surely the Presence of the Lord**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come with confidence before God, because Jesus has made atonement for our sins.

**People: Jesus' sacrificial death is the means whereby we can claim God's forgiveness.**

Leader: Christ has removed our sin and intercedes on our behalf with God our Father.

**People: We belong to Christ who is willing to claim us before God.**

**\* Let us pray (Congregation):**

Most merciful Father, who knows we are sinners, but who accepts us as sinless because of Jesus' sacrificial death: Receive us as your children for whom our Lord intercedes, that we may be cleansed of sin to dwell forever in your love. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

**# 452 ..... My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

We offer ourselves to you, Father, but without any claim of righteousness. Our only hope is Jesus who intercedes for us. For his sake, receive our sincere confessions of sin, and forgive us. Convince us of your forgiveness, and encourage us by your Holy Spirit, that we may live in the blessed hope that we belong to you forever. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

**\* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

**# 364 ..... Because He Lives**

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By saying no to ourselves, and picking up our cross  
To follow Christ, we find ourselves.

By saying yes to the good news of God's Spirit  
Working within us, we find faith and wholeness.  
God promises are sure; God's love eternal.

**\*SCRIPTURE READING: ..... Hebrews 9:24-28**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD MADE FLESH: "The Work of Christ"

**\* RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 157 ..... Jesus Shall Reign (vs 1, 3, 5)**

**CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns**

**\* PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 ..... O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

**\* CLOSING HYMN: # 701 When We All Get to Heaven (vs 1)**

**\* DISMISSAL BLESSING**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Mark 12:38-44 (NKJV)

<sup>38</sup> Then He said to them in His teaching, “Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, *love* greetings in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts, <sup>40</sup> who devour widows’ houses, and <sup>[a]</sup>for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup> Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. <sup>42</sup> Then one poor widow came and threw in two <sup>[b]</sup>mites, which make a <sup>[c]</sup>quadrans. <sup>43</sup> So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; <sup>44</sup> for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are* <sup>[a]</sup>copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; <sup>25</sup> not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— <sup>26</sup> He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. <sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.



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