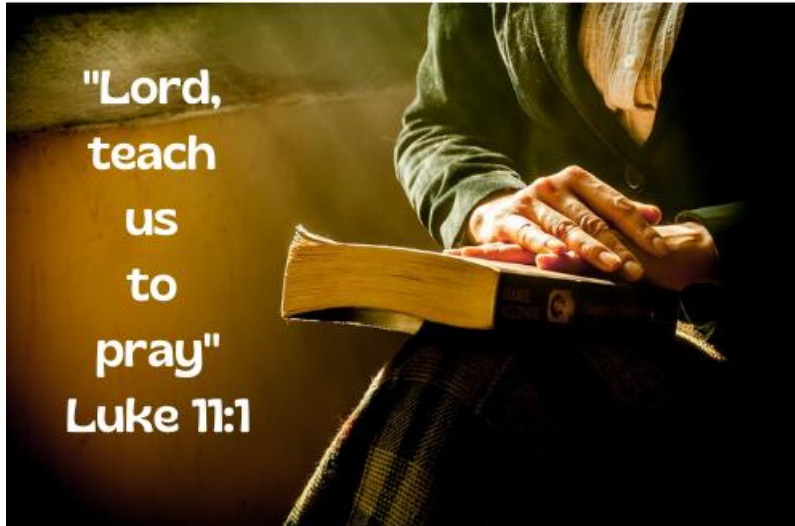


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Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Blest Are They WOV 764

(refrain) Rejoice, and be glad, blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the poor in spirit theirs is the kingdom of God
Blest are they, full of sorrow, they shall be consoled. (refrain)

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they, who
hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill (refrain)

Blest are they who show mercy, mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart, they shall see God (refrain)

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs (refrain)

Blest are you who suffer hate; all because of me.
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. (refrain)

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to
pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us
your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and
give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and
how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done
altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham

remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. ²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.** ³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. ⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.** ⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD. ⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.** ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. ⁸**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-19

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Descant from Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has

arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God WOV 783

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, **you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Life-giving God, **through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Benediction

The God of peace, Creator, Redeemer and Friend, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation WOV 760

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to evr'y nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks

be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Sit at the feet of Christ. **Thanks be to God!**