DIVINE SERVICE FOR QUINQUAGESIMA



LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH Lebanon Church, VA

February 14, 2021

The congregation assembles. Silent prayer is offered upon entering the pews.

WELCOME

The bells.

Entrance Hymn Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good God, the high - est good, of cre 1 Sing praise to The au - thor 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is 3 We sought the Lord in God, in our dis - tress; 0 mer - cy 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and The God of who der - stood tion, love un -ิล eve - ning shade keep ing. By morn - ing glow or saw Our Sav - ior help - less - ness hear us. our pow'r pro - claim glo Let all who know His ry. Our need for His tion. With heal-ing balm our sal - va His is sleep ing. With - in king - dom eye nev er the came with cheer For this we thank and And peace to us. won - drous Cast Α loud the sto ry. ev - 'ry i - dol stills: souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith less mur mur of His might All things are just and good and right: a - dored: praise the Lord, Who is by one and all from throne, For God God. He - lone: its is and а To God all praise glo and ry! God То all praise and glo ry! To God all praise and glo ry! To God all praise and glo ry! Text and tune: Public domain

PREPARATORY OFFICE

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, 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.

C Amen.

Exhortation

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **C** Amen.

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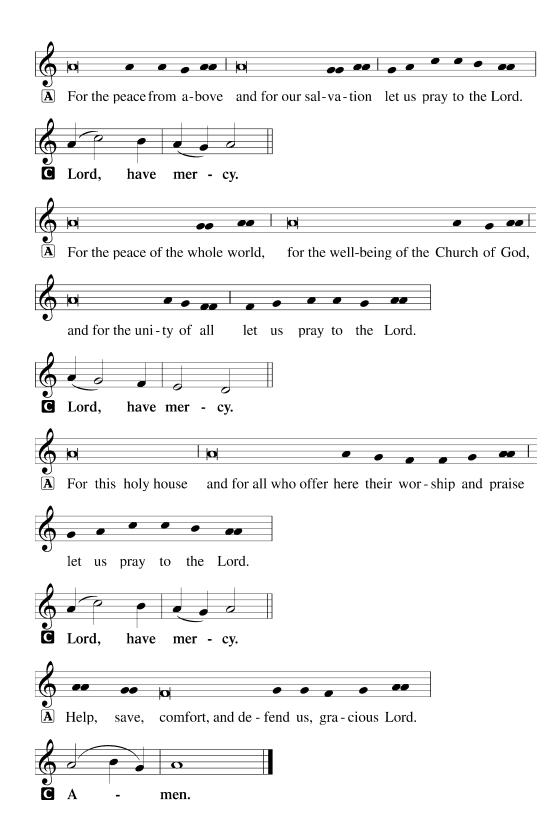
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Apostolic Greeting

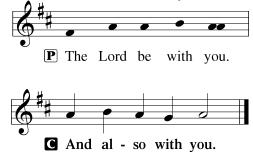
P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.





Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 16:1–13

A The Old Testament Reading is from 1 Samuel, chapter 16.

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³And

invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹²And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 89:18-29; antiphon: v. 20

¹⁸For our shield belongs | to the LORD,* our king to the Holy One of | Israel. ¹⁹Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said: "I have granted help to one who is | mighty;* I have exalted one chosen from the | people. ²⁰I have found David, my | servant;* with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him, ²¹so that my hand shall be estab- | lished with him;* my arm also shall | strengthen him. ²²The enemy shall not out- | wit him;* the wicked shall not | humble him. ²³I will crush his foes be- | fore him* and strike down those who | hate him. ²⁴My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall | be with him,* and in my name shall his horn be ex- | alted. ²⁵I will set his hand | on the sea* and his right hand on the | rivers. ²⁶He shall cry to me, 'You are my | Father,* my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.' ²⁷And I will make him the | firstborn,* the highest of the kings | of the earth. ²⁸My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,* and my covenant will stand | firm for him. ²⁹I will establish his offspring for- | ever* and his throne as the days of the | heavens.

Epistle

A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 13.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

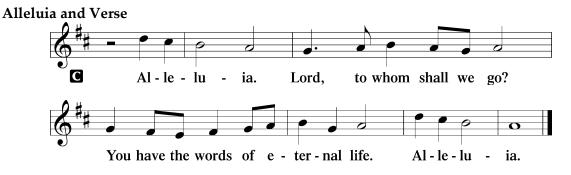
⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



³¹Taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." ³⁴But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." ⁴²And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." ⁴³And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

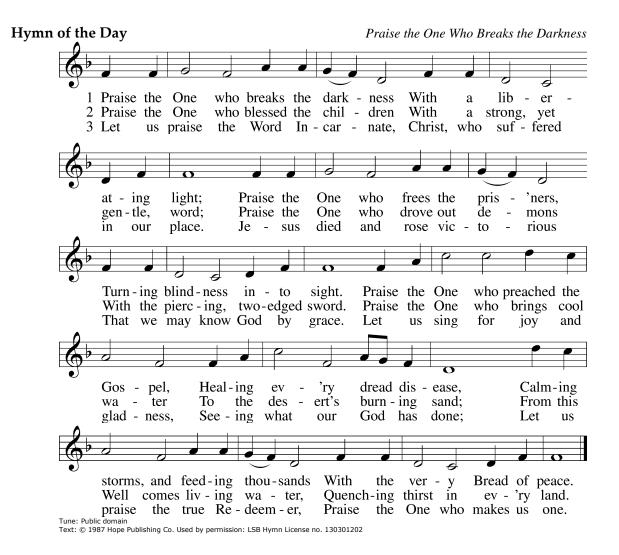
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Sermon

Stand



Apostles' Creed

C 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 into hell.

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.

Prayer of the Church

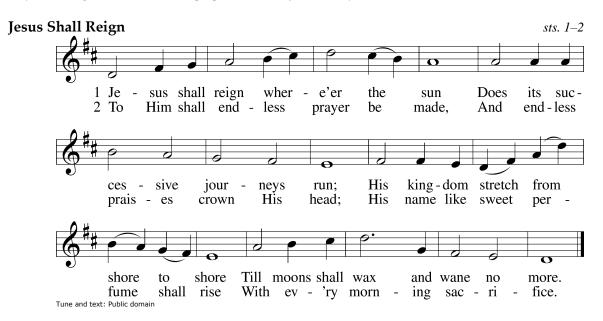
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Installation of Church Council Members

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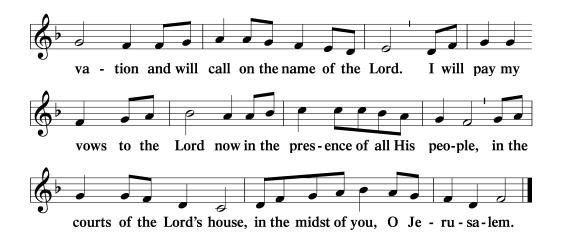
All baptized and repentant sinner who accept our doctrine, and confess that the true body and blood of Christ are given under the forms of bread and wine, are welcome to commune at the altar. Those who are not yet Baptized, or who are unsure of their Confession, may come forward for a blessing: approach the steps with arms crossed over chest.

A hymn is sung while the ministers prepare the altar for the Holy Communion.



After the altar has been prepared, we sand for the Offertory.





Offertory Prayer

- **P** Merciful Father,
- **C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Proper Preface

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

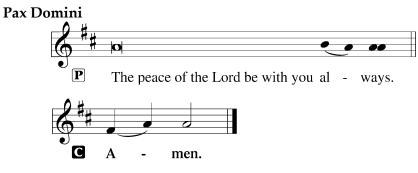
Proclamation of Christ

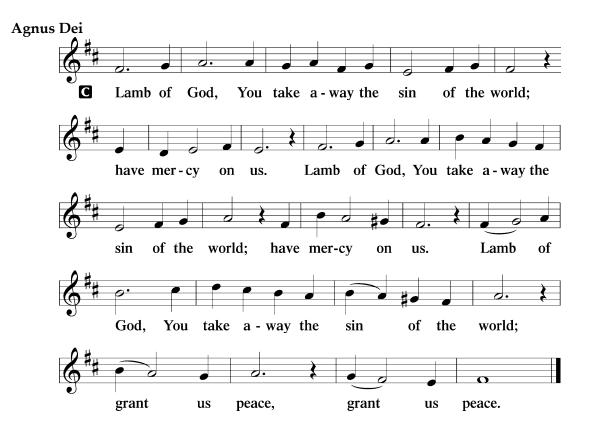
As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer





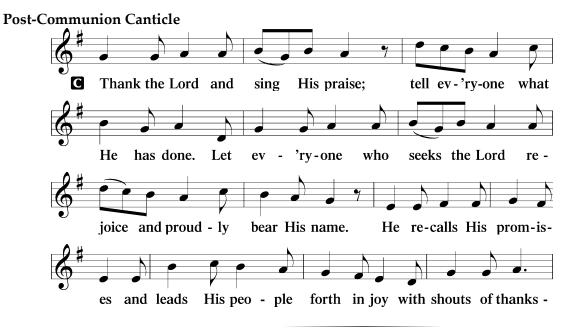
The congregation comes forward to receive the Lord's body and blood at the credence table before the steps.

Distribution

The following hymns are sung during the Distribution of Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn	LBW 214
Communion Hymn	LBW 225

Blessing





Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction



Dismissal

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Nadine Buckle, Bessie and Annie Clem, Debbie Gochenour, Kelliann Harris, Howard McDonald, Lola McDonald, Andrea Oxsen, Ernie Pingley, Bill Rose, and all caregivers.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoom Meetings this week:

Monday 10am – A History of Heresy Monday 7pm – Revelation Study Thursday 7pm - CREDO Contact Pastor Chris for more information.

Services this week: Tuesday 7pm – Shrove Tuesday Service of Confession & Absolution Wednesday 11am – Weekly Communion Service Wednesday, 7pm – Ash Wednesday Service

Pastor Chris will be available on Wednesdays, 2-4pm for Individual Communions. Please call for an appointment.

Wednesdays during Lent: Soup and Sandwich Dinner beginning at 6pm. Soup will be provided; bring your own sandwich and a beverage.

Vespers beginning at 7pm.

Easter Flowers: Order forms for Easter Lily blooms and 6 inch potted plants are on the table in the fellowship hall. Blooms are \$3 and plants are \$11. Please make checks payable to Lebanon Lutheran Church (mark for Lilies) and give to Missy Hockman. The deadline is Sunday, March 14. Tulips, Hyacinths, and Daffodils are also available for \$12.50 each. The deadline to order spring flowers is March 7.

Looking ahead: February 27 – Church Cleanup Day, 9am March 14 – Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, 1pm April 2 – Good Friday Service, 6pm April 4 – Easter Sunrise, 6:30am

A special offering for Family Promise will be received in March, June, September, and December. These are the months that the church would typically host the group.

Church Polo Shirts are available for pickup. The average cost for a shirt was \$25, and although the shirts are free, a donation may be made to the Outreach Committee. See Jeff Hamman for more information.

Please send your ministry reports for the yearly booklet to Sheryl at <u>secretary2.lebanon@gmail.com</u> by February 21.

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