

SUNDAY

RED LETTER

CHALLENGE



SERVING

The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
 Sunday, March 22, 2020

# "CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS"

## WELCOME & THEME

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**INVOCATION** [*We "invoke" the God in whose name we are baptized to be with us; Matt. 28:19*]

*(Feel free to cross yourself in remembrance of your baptism.)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Lord 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 is supporting us as we serve others in Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**CONFESSION** [*Trusting in God's mercy and grace, we confess (repent of) our sins.*]

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my own grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

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

**ABSOLUTION** [*We rejoice in God's declaration of forgiveness*]

**P** Upon this your confession, I, a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT

(*At Mount Sinai*)

Exodus 19:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on the very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. <sup>2</sup>After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. (*continued→*)

<sup>5</sup>Now if you obey Me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be My treasured possession. Although the whole earth is Mine, <sup>6</sup>you will be for Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.

<sup>7</sup>So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the Lord had commanded him to speak.

<sup>8</sup>The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.” So Moses brought their answer back to the LORD.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL

*(The Disciples Rejoin Jesus)*

John 4:31-38

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile His disciples urged Him, "Rabbi, eat something."

<sup>32</sup>But He said to them, "**I have food to eat that you know nothing about.**"

<sup>33</sup>Then His disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought Him food?"

<sup>34</sup>**"My food,"** said Jesus, **"is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work."**

<sup>35</sup>**Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.**

<sup>36</sup>**Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.**

<sup>37</sup>**Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true.**

<sup>38</sup>**I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."**

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Children's Message*

SERMON

Red Letter Challenge: *Serving*

*Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me  
 You have been so, so good to me  
 Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me  
 You have been so, so kind to me*

*Chorus*

*Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God  
 Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine  
 I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away  
 Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah*

*When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me  
 You have been so, so good to me  
 When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me  
 You have been so, so kind to me*

*Chorus*

*There's no shadow You won't light up  
 Mountain You won't climb up  
 Coming after me  
 There's no wall You won't kick down  
 Lie You won't tear down  
 Coming after me  
 (repeat 3 times)*

*Chorus*

## PRAYERS

*When the pastor says, "Oh, give thanks to the Lord for He is good,"  
 the congregation responds, "**His steadfast love endures forever.**"*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

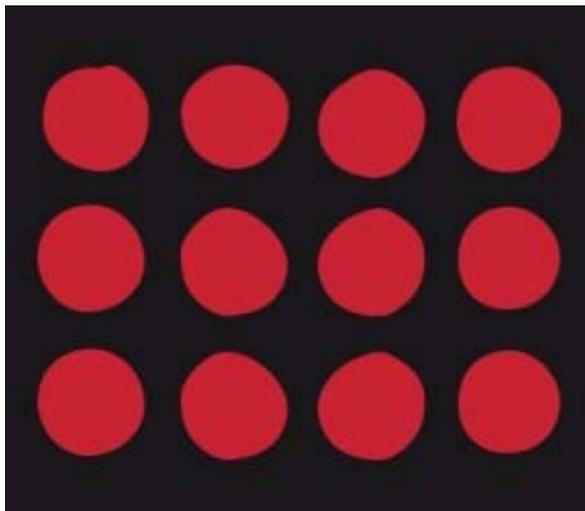
## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

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