



## OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

## PRELUDE

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*, arr. W. Hornibrook

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We enter a virtual gathering space once again this season.

**People: We worship together in spirit and in truth, though not in person.**

Leader: We pray, sing, and listen to God's Word despite the pandemic.

**People: We trust Christ's peace, a peace given freely, in the midst of the challenges we face.**

Leader: We know the Holy Spirit is among us blowing with a hopeful wind of change.

**People: We feel the presence of Christ, the one who died and rose again, and brings us eternal life.**

## HYMN 441

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*, Nettleton

1. Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love. Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

2. All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring. I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin! How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Forgive us, Lord, for forgetting your cross and for thinking your grace is cheap. Forgive us, Lord, for using the cross as a trinket, forgetting the agony it represents. Forgive us, Lord, for taking our worship for granted, forgetting the struggle that has assured its freedom. Forgive us, Lord, for being calloused to human cruelty, forgetting that every victim is a creature of God. Forgive us, Lord, for being nonchalant about injustice, forgetting that it still nails innocence to the cross. Forgive us, Lord, for thinking that sacrifice is obsolete, forgetting that we still contend against the powers of darkness. Receive our prayers offered in all humility, as we remember and honor Christ our Lord who prays for us still... (continue to silent confession) Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

**People: In Jesus name, we are forgiven.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Poland

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

## SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

## SERMON

*The Terrible Beauty of the Cross*

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer

## HYMN

*Somebody's Knockin at Your Door, Somebody's Knockin*

Some - bod - y's knock-in' at your door; Some - bod - y's  
knock-in' at your door; O sin - ner, why don't you  
an - swer? Some - bod - y's knock-in' at your door.



1. Knocks like Je - sus,  
 2. Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.  
 3. Je - sus calls you,  
 4. Can't you trust him?



Knocks like Je - sus,  
 Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.  
 Je - sus calls you,  
 Can't you trust him?



O sin - ner, why don't you an - swer?



Some - bod - y's knock-in' at your door.

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**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*, arr. D. Cherwein

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