The Son of God Goes Forth to War

LENT 4.........................................................March 18, 2020

Opening Hymn:  # 125

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

All: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

Silence for private confession.

M: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?
C: Yes, I believe.
M: Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

Prayer
M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Psalm 18 (spoken responsively)
M: The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
C: My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.
M: He reached down from on high and took hold of me
C: He rescued me from my powerful enemy.
M: He brought me out into a spacious place;
C: He rescued me because he delighted in me.
M: You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning;
C: My God turns my darkness into light.
M: You save the humble
C: But bring low those who eyes are haughty.
M: You give me your shield of victory,
C: And your right hand sustains me.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm Prayer
M: Lord God, our mighty rock of salvation, give us such strength of faith that we may cling to you in every trouble and, armed with your strong Word, be preserved from every assault of Satan and his forces of evil; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

The Passion Reading - # 4

Response
All: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Sermon Hymn:  # 202

Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:2

Sermon: Reconnaissance Report: Know Your Enemy

Offering
Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: #343

Evening Prayer
All: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing
M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #593

Announcements
As a precautionary effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, we have canceled this Wednesday’s and Sunday’s services on March 18 and March 22. Each week we will re-evaluate having services. Stay tuned to our website www.stjohn-trinity.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/stjandtr for more updates. Please share this information with others.

Our sermon theme next week be: The Warrior Rejected by Many Followers.

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