“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”
Exodus 20:2

CALL TO WORSHIP:  Let us worship God, who has done great things. We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world. Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland. Let us worship God.

INVOCATION: Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus’ death and our celebration of his resurrection. We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus’ death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. In the power of Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

ACT OF PRAISE:  Psalm 19
1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament[a] proclaims his handiwork.
2 Day to day pours forth speech,  and night to night declares knowledge.
3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
4 yet their voice[h] goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
In the heavens[c] he has set a tent for the sun,
5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
   and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.
7 The law of the LORTH is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORTH are sure, making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the LORTH are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORTH is clear, enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the LORTH is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORTH are true and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is your servant warned, in keeping them there is great reward.
12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;d do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
   O LORTH, my rock and my redeemer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER
SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17
1 Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before[a] me.

4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation[b] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder.[c]

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

MESSAGE: So Simple and So Hard

THE LORD’S SUPPER
   Invitation
   Blessing the bread and cup
   Sharing

BENEDICTION: God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again of water and the Spirit, may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray when he said, “Our Father…”