

NA IVITY CA HEDRAL

321 Contact Worship (An order for morning worship)
In the unusual circumstance of Pandemic
The Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, PA
Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 8:45 a.m.

Gather in the Lord's Name

Song

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives us!

Response **His mercy is overflowing!**

Officiant Create a clean heart in me O God

Response **and renew a right Spirit with in me.**

Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

Officiant The Lord be with you

Response **And also with you**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Psalm 51 (*said in unison*)

*Open my lips, O Lord, **

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, **

and renew a right spirit within me.

*Cast me not away from your presence **

and take not your holy Spirit from me.

*Give me the joy of your saving help again **

and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Song

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

A Word

Intercessions and Thanksgivings and Confession

Officiant Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others
*prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are invited at this time

Officiant Let us also pray for the forgiveness of our sins

All **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 are truly sorry and
we humbly repent. For the sake of you Son Jesus Christ, have
mercy on us and forgive us; That we may delight in your will, and
walk in your ways, To the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you and forgive you all your sins.
Amen.

Officiant Let us now pray in the words our Lord Jesus taught us to Pray.

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. Amen.**

Officiant Bow our heads before the Lord. Quiet our hearts and Spirits
O Lord, and be our guide along the way. Amen.

Song

The Dismissal

Officiant Go with God's strength in your heart.

All

Thanks be to God.