

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: “Christ’s Holiness in Splendor Pure”

Christ’s holiness in splendor pure, magnificent in glory,
Uncovers and lays bare our sins, re-telling Eden’s story.

None can face God’s pure holiness in tatter’d, evil clothing;
Only in Christ’s own righteousness can we keep heav’nward moving.

What sacrifice our Lord did make, hanging alone in agony!
Such pain and torment He endured; amazing love for all to see.

How good is God! How blessed are we! In Christ, we’re dressed most gloriously.
God give us hearts, joy-filled, with thanks! We’re clothed for all eternity.

Grant while we still have breath and life, we share the Gospel’s happy news,
So, when the sands of time are gone, more saints have Jesus in their view.

All glory to the Godhead pure: Son, Father, Spirit – Holy Three!
With them we’ll reign, by grace bestowed, endless into eternity.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, “I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

Pastor: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion on the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen!

INTROIT Psalm 126 (Read Responsively)

Pastor: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: We were like those who dream.

Pastor: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

People: Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

Pastor: The Lord has done great things for us.

People: We are glad.

Pastor: Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

People: Like streams in the desert!

Pastor: Those who sow in tears

People: Shall reap with shouts of joy!

Pastor: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

People: Shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

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!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Gracious Father, forgive us for taking pride in our own achievements. Cover us, we pray, in the robe of Jesus' holiness. Knowing His forgiving grace and kindness, may we boldly declare His salvation to a lost and dying world. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 43:16–21*

Thus says the Lord,
Who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
Who brings forth chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
“Remember not the former things,
nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild beasts will honor Me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to My chosen people,
the people whom I formed for Myself
that they might declare My praise.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *Philippians 3:4b–14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of

knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING *Luke 20:9–20*

[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” But He looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on Him at that very hour, for they perceived that He had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch Him in something He said, so as to deliver Him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "O Love, How Deep" (LSB, #544)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.

For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.

For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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SERMON "KNOWING GOD" (Philippians 3:8-14)

OFFERTORY/CREED We All Believe in One True God (LSB, #953)

We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,

All creation He upholds.

We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.

Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH p.215-216

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Savior has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed, by us and all the world, through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: May Your Kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith, so that the number of Christians be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend those in this fellowship facing life's troublesome circumstances; our fellow believers in Ukraine facing untold suffering; comfort to professors

and students due to the closing of our seminary in Russia; those in this fellowship facing major health challenges; our synodical and district presidents, and all pastors and church workers; our national and world leaders; our struggling families; our church members and their daily growth in intimately knowing God; and all who are in need, praying for them at all times; Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive those who sin against us, so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

All: Amen!

SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy” LSB 507 (v. 1, 4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

SONG OF APPROACH Jesus Sinners Doth Receive LSB 609 (v. 4, 5)

I, a sinner, come to Thee
With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me;
Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be served in continuous stations. Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION SONG "How Deep the Fathers Love for Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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DISTRIBUTION SONG "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my Light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love,
what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid.

Here in the death of Christ I live.
There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "The Lamb" (LSB, #547)

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price!

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will

On our behalf the Law to fill. Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.
Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: We thank You, Lord, for this awesome banquet! You have truly blessed us to be a blessing. Help us to know You ever more fully and keep us firm in the one true faith, we pray, even unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" (LSB, #813 vs 1-2, 5, 7)

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your king.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong
As ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
The psalms of ancient days.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

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with

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8:15 Lay Reader: Carol Nymann

11:00 Lay Reader: Carol Hancock

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