
∞ THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT ∞
ORDER OF WORSHIP • MARCH 17, 2024 • 9:00 AM
✝ Indicates the congregation should stand as able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✝ KYRIE

MERCY . . . LORD, HAVE MERCY

*The congregation quietly and continuously repeats the phrase
while the cantor improvises*

✝ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Beloved in the Lord, let us confess our sins to God. We come in boldness and confidence, not according to our merit, but according to God's grace towards us in Jesus Christ.

All: God of grace, you have called us to walk your path of love, all the way to the cross. We confess that we don't always trust in the power of love but rely instead on the power of worldly might and violence. You have called us to walk your path of healing. We confess that we don't always believe in the power of healing but instead rely on the power of revenge and retribution. You call us to forgive as you forgive, to share as you freely share, and to trust in you and your authority. We have fallen short. We have strayed from your path. We have failed to trust in you. Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive us. Forgive us and turn us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. We pray in the name of Christ, our Light. Amen.

WL: Friends, God is for us and not against us. For that very reason God sent Jesus into the world—not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

✝ HYMN

WE SING THE PRAISE OF HIM WHO DIED
LBW #344,
ALTERNATE TUNE: ROCKINGHAM OLD

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

R: The First lesson for this Fifth Sunday in Lent is from the thirty-first chapter of Jeremiah.

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord,

“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 5:1-10

R: Our Second Lesson is from Hebrews, the fifth chapter.

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

WL: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 10:32-45

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

O GOD, WHO GIVES US LIFE
TUNE: CAROL

O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.

O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:
when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,
refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.

O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,
your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,
as on our hearts you write anew the covenant of love.

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From
thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray together:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name;

Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

✠ PAX DOMINI

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

All: Amen.

✠ AGNUS DEI

Repeat each short phrase the cantor sings

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HYMN

TREE OF LIFE AND AWESOME MYSTERY

*CHOIR ALONE: Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.*

ALL: **Seed that dies to rise in glory,
may we see ourselves in you;
If we learn to live your story,
we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.**

**We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.**

CHOIR ALONE: Adoramus te Christe . . .

**Gentle Jesus, Mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew;
We may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.**

**Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.**

**God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death;
Hold us close through each tomorrow,
love as near as ev'ry breath,
love as near as ev'ry breath.**

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve
you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CHARGE & BLESSING *based on Psalm 121:5-8*

WL: Go out now in faith, trusting in God's promises. Remember how
much God loves this world and so love the world in the name of
Christ, that your testimony becomes the good news someone else
has been waiting to receive.

May the Lord watch over you. May the Lord keep you from all harm and watch over your life. May the Lord watch over your coming and going now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

✝ **SENDING SONG** THIS TRAIN IS BOUND FOR GLORY

This train is bound for glory (3X)

Children, get on board!

No more weepin' and a-wailin'. (3X)

Children, get on board!

This train is bound for resurrection! (3X)

Children, get on board!

No more weepin' and a-wailin'. (3X)

Children, get on board!

✝ **SENDING**

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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