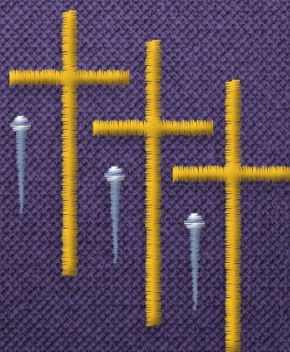


FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT

March 21, 2021



Confession and Absolution

Hymn ~ 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, / Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain / Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, / Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness, / Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, / From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; / Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition, / Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, / Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; / They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever; / 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never / Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, / Sealed when He was glorified.

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P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”
For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
**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.**
Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

Kyrie

LSB 204

- C **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading ~ *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

After the reading:

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 119:9–16; antiphon: v. 10

- BETH
⁹How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
¹²Blessèd are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!
¹³With my lips I declare
all the just decrees of your mouth.
¹⁴In the way of your testimonies I delight

as much as in all riches.
¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
¹⁶I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

Epistle ~ Hebrews 5:1-10

After the reading:

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel ~ Mark 10:32-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Hymn ~ 857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

- 1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way / Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, / Each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, / But pow'r You laid aside.
You lived Your years in servanthood; / In lowliness You died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel / You place within the hands
Of those who seek to follow You / And live by Your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride / Nor count ourselves above
The lowest place, the meanest task / That waits the gift of love.
- 5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way / Wherever love may lead
And, bending low, forgetting self, / Each serve the other's need.

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Sermon ~ "When Least Is Best" Mark 10:32-45

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Offering ~ *Online giving is available on the website.*

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T 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 testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution *(In the Sanctuary)*

The Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

- C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.
- 2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

Hymn ~ 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

- 1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;
Be Thou alone my constant flame.

- 2 O grant that nothing in my soul
 May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,
 My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.
- 3 This love unwearied I pursue
 And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,
 Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night, be all my care
To guard this sacred treasure there.
- 4 In suff'ring be Thy love my peace,
 In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
 O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,
And draw me safely to Thy side!

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