

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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PRELUDES

Heart of God

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Highland Cathedral Avery Head on bagpipes

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WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Words by Syliva Dunstan. Music by Henry Smart.

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1.

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and truth bringer of the way You taught and gave.

You, the everlasting instant, You who came to love and save.

2.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,

stripped of might upon the cross.

Shining in eternal glory, spited by a soldier's toss.

You, the everlasting instant, You who came to save the lost.

3.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!

Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy is your death and victory -

Worthy still Your peace and strife.

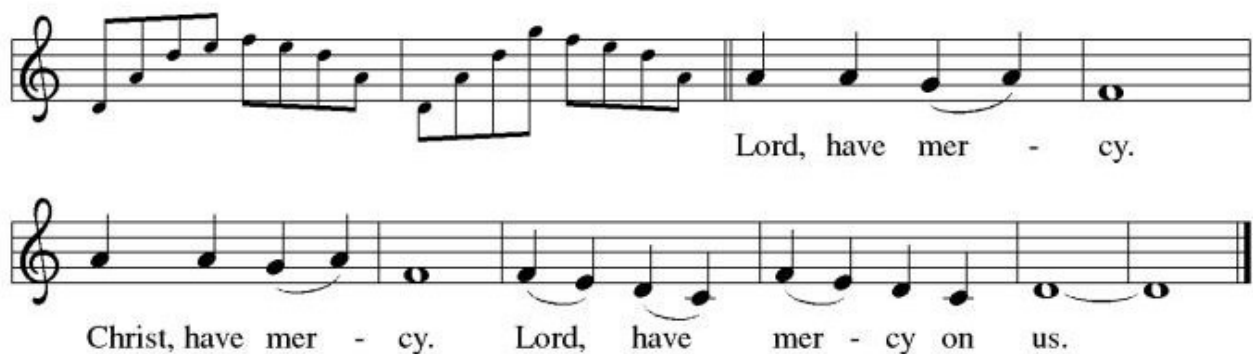
You, the everlasting instant, You who brings eternal life!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



Music: Swee Hong Lim

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen

(VIDEO) FOLLOWING THE WAY OF JESUS: A LENTEN HOLY LAND JOURNEY

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING *Hebrews 5:5-10*

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Speak to Us Lord

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Speak to us Lord, through Your Word.

Speak to us Lord, through Your Word.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL READING

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

PUPPET SHOW

SERMON

Pastor Rebecca Truland

SERMON HYMN ELW #666 *“What Wondrous Love Is This”*
Words - Appalachian Folk Hymn. Tune: Southern Harmony arranged by Paul Christiansen
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1.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul -
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

2.
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown -
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul;
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

3.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I Am",
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing -
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

A: Let us confess our faith using the words of the creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS of the People

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

A: Help us to love our neighbors and to pray for their wholeness, strength and healing...

Pastor Diane Wheatley

Bette S.

Don Kramer

Spencer Waits (Greg & Julie Yoder)

Mike (Lynn Myers)

Lauren Seiter

A: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

Pastor Paul Herpich

Doris Dorkoff

Helga (Lynn Weeks)

Amy (Greg & Julie Yoder)

Amy Lorch Jones & family (Mary Lou Lorch)

A: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

Please speak additional names aloud or silently in your heart

A: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer

P: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Greet one another with a sign of peace as you feel comfortable)

OFFERING

P: Let us gather our tithes and offerings for the sake of serving God and our neighbors.

OFFERING MUSIC *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

American Folk Melody arranged by Roy James Stewart

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P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.

C: Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.

COMMUNION LITURGY

(Communion provided offers wine and white grape juice as well as gluten-free wafers as an option. Please ask the Pastor for gluten-free wafers as needed. If you desire to receive a blessing, come forward with arms crossed. If you desire communion, come forward and extend your hands.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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COMMUNION MUSIC *Man of Sorrows*

By Matt Crocker and Brooke Ligertwood. Arranged by James Koerts
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Words by John Newton. Music - "Virginia Harmony". Additional words and Music by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio
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1.

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see!*

2.

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!*

REFRAIN:

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me!
And like a flood, God's mercy rains
unending love, amazing grace!*

3.

*The Lord has promised good to me,
God's Word my hope secures!
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. REFRAIN*

4.

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home! REFRAIN 2 X*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *The Minstrel Boy* Avery Head on Bagpipes

Traditional Irish tune.

