

Fifth Sunday during Lent

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March 17, 2024 • In person at 10:15 p.m. or on Facebook Live, and YouTube Live

PRELUDE

Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen

J. S. Bach

OPENING HYMN

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

#334

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

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Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services. A staffed nursery is available if desired, for infants through preschool age children. Additionally, activity bags for creative young minds are available for worship services in the narthex. Children make a *joyful* noise!

[Jeremiah 31:31-34]

Lector:

Nancy Brown

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

TRISAGION

#S99

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

Lector: A reading from Jeremiah.

“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.”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; ***in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness ***and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my transgressions, ***and my sin is ever before me.**

⁴Against you only have I sinned ***and done what is evil in your sight.**

⁵And so you are justified when you speak ***and upright in your judgment.**

⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, ***a sinner from my mother’s womb.**

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, ***and will make me**

understand wisdom secretly.

⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; ***wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, ***that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

¹⁰Hide your face from my sins ***and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, ***and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹²Cast me not away from your presence ***and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again ***and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

SECOND LESSON:

Lector: A reading from Hebrews.

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.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

[Psalm 51:1-13]

*Read responsively
by half verse (in bold).*

[Hebrews 5:5-10]

Lector:
Teresa Pappas

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word.
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood.
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease.

1. Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 2. Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
 3. Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

[John 12:20-33]

Stand as you are able.

THE GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in the 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED:

Lector: Let us stand as we confess our faith with the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus
Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;**

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the**

Scriptures;

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the
Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for
the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector: Eternal and loving God, through the glorification of your Son Jesus you have taught us to follow him through death into eternal life: Glorify your name in us, as we bring before you the concerns of the world.

We come before our loving and gracious God, asking that God’s grace and love be kindled in our hearts and spoken on our lips. **Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.**

That we may do your will as we praise your name. We pray for our spiritual leaders, that they may speak your truth and call your people into deeper discipleship. **Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.**

That we may support the leadership of this nation in the pursuit of peace and justice for all. **Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.**

The Rev. Brian Gross

Stand as you are able.

Lector:

Jacklyn Kurtz

We believe...



That with compassion we may respond to the needs of the world, to neighbors near and far. **Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.**

That we may speak comfort to those who suffer in any way praying especially today for Joe, Roland, Sandy, Lynne, Charlene, Karlett, Valerie, Lucas, Darrell, Doug, Kris, Susie, Marissa, Renee, Sue, Carolyn, Carol, Tobin-Grace, Adley Jo, and Mark. **Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.**

That we may remember those who have died and offer hope to those who grieve. **Write your word on our hearts, O**

Lord.

That we may love your truth in our lives as we confess your truth with our lips. **Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.**

Let us lift up prayers for ourselves and others either silently or aloud.

Celebrant: Give us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, O God, as we follow Jesus in service to your world, that the salvation and glorification you have accomplished through his cross and resurrection may extend throughout creation, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and t us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

#660

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

THE DOXOLOGY *Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow* #380

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant: All things come of you, O Lord;
 People: And of your own have we given you.

*The Peace, the last part of the Service of the Word, is meant to offer each other a **brief** word of "peace" as we come together as a community for the Eucharist.*

Online giving:





Holy Communion is God's feast for all of God's people. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, to *this* feast, you are most warmly welcome. We receive communion in one kind (the wafer), or both kinds (wafer and wine) by intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice bowl), or by drinking from the chalice.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You

brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.

You may stand or kneel.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a

fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he



broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life. Christ**

Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and forever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

INVITATION

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Cross of Sorrow

E. Higgins

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

Our Father...

Chalice Bearers:

Daniel Lieurance
Kate Hogg
Kay Jahnel
Nancy Brown

During the distribution of Communion, anyone may go to the side chapel near the columbarium to receive a prayer for healing and anointing with oil.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Liebesträume

F. Liszt



Celtic Worship
 SERVICE
 BEGINS AT 6:00 p.m.



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Abram and Melchizedek
Genesis 14:17-24

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