



The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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10:00am

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love. Please kneel or sit as you are able.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

** Please stand as you are able*

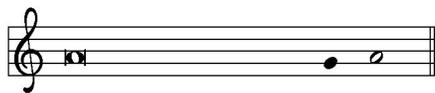
Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

*** THE GATHERING SONG: #522**
As We Gather at Your Table

*** THE 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.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



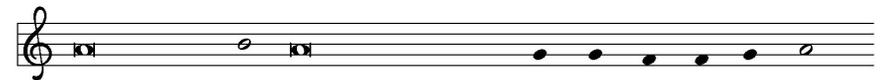
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do 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. ²⁰ The wild animals 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, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 126

- ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**
³ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.
⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**
⁵ Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Sung page 151

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 15th chapter
C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel: John 12:1-8

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOOD NEWS 101

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #596
My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

God, in your mercy,
Receive our prayer.

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The Peace of Christ be with you always.
All: And also with you.

**THE OFFERING
SPECIAL MUSIC**

*** CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING** page 219

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the lamb forever and ever. Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name? Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever. For you alone are the Holy One, and blessed is the one whose name is Word of God. All praise and thanks to you, holy God! Salvation belongs to our God and to the Christ the Lamb forever and ever.

THE MEAL

*** THE OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Sung)** page 152

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*** THE PREFACE**

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

*** THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung)** page 153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*** THE THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*** 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.

*** THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

THE LAMB OF GOD (sung) page 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

*** THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE SENDING

*** THE BLESSING**

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***THE SENDING SONG:**

#685

Take My Life, That I May Be

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Serving Today: April 6, 2025

Communion Assistant: Amber Johnson

Acolyte: Scarlett Johnson

Lector: Judy Bariexca

Ushers: Lynn Haab & Bonnie Mazza

Musician: Danny Allen

Sound Board: Amber Johnson

Serving Next Week: April 13, 2025

Communion Assistant: Ferol Howell

Acolyte: Baylee Rodig

Lector: Laura Poethke

Ushers: Steve Anderson & Allyson Schmalz

Musicians: Danny Allen

Sound Board: Laura Poethke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another. Due to stricter privacy laws, hospitals do *not* notify the church when a member is admitted to the hospital and keep us informed of hospitalizations so Pastor Haab can visit and keep people in our prayers.

SUNDAY MORNING: 9AM Sunday School & Worship 10AM every Sunday.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME: Have you ever thought about joining one of our worship teams. We are always looking for new people to help usher, read, help with communion or acolyte. Please see Amber Johnson, head of Music and Worship if you are interested.



EASTER LILY DEDICATION: If you are interested in purchasing an Easter lily in honor of a loved one, we have a sign up folder in the Entrance Lobby. We are asking that you pay for the lilies at the time you sign up. The cost is \$20 per lily, please see Bonnie or Amber after worship.



We will be having a soup supper before worship on Maundy Thursday, April 17@ 6pm. If you would like to sign up to bring a soup, bread or dessert please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. All are welcome to attend!

HEY DID YOU KNOW: Sabra Jernigan and Bonnie Mazza are part of the Burlington Entertainers performing group. This year the show will be on April 11th @7:30pm, April 12th @7:30pm and April 13th @2:00pm at Wilbur Watts School. The theme is the Fabulous 50's and tickets are \$10.00. All proceeds go to Deborah hospital. Please see Bonnie Mazza or Sabra Jernigan to find out more.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Our food pantry is getting reading to put together care packages for Easter. If you would like to donate a ham or any other food items please see Debbie Sadlier, Donna Shinn, Robin Chieco or Bonnie Mazza to find what items are needed.



EASTER BASKETS: Our Social Ministry team is putting together Easter Baskets to be distributed to families in need. We are looking for donations of candy, (No Peanut based items) small stuffed bunnies, cute little items and even gift cards to Walmart.

Lenten / Easter Worship Schedule

Sundays in Lent Worship: 10:00AM

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper: 6:00 PM

Maundy Thursday Worship: 7:00 PM

Good Friday: 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday: 10:00 AM



All Are Welcome Here!