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To glorify God, to grow in faith, to give in service, together in Christ

April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent
8 and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director Asterisks* denote those parts of the service in which the congregation is invited to stand. Please have a hymnal handy for our Hymn of the Day, ELW 336.

Prelude in B Minor

César Franck

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We begin in the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, who walks with us, and who guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

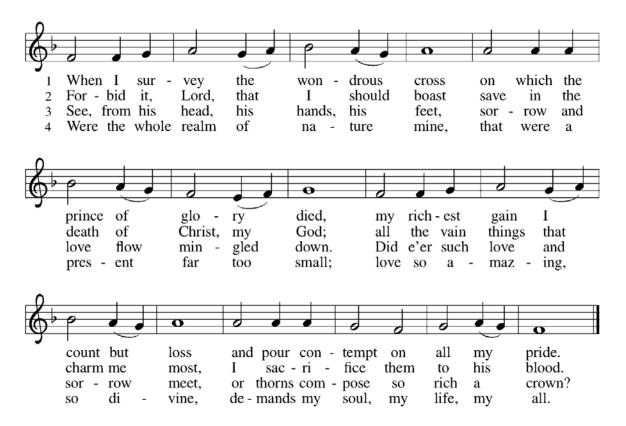
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. Amen.

*HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

*Greeting

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

And also with you.

Refrain (all)



Verse (Solo or choir)

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

*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.

Children's Message

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

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

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126



¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,

then were we like I those who dream.

²Then 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."

³The LORD has done great | things for us, and we are | glad indeed.

⁴Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses | of the Negeb. R

⁵Those who | sowed with tears will reap with | songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carry- ing the seed, will come again with joy, shoulder- ing their sheaves. R

Psalm Prayer

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

'Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of

Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

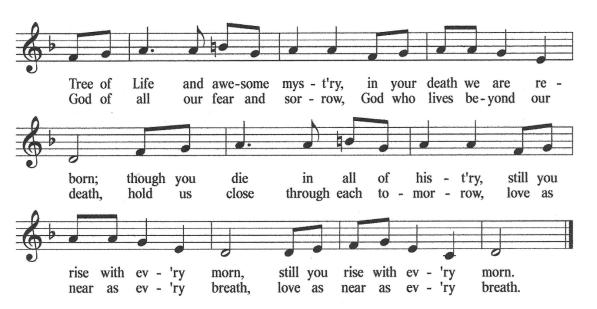
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*Gospel Acclamation: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Stanza 1, cantor or choir; stanza 2: all

Marty Haugen



The Gospel of the Lord, according to John, the 12th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 12:1-8

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary 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. ⁴But 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.) ¹Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON:

Pastor Nancy Raabe



*PRAYERS

To the petition "Merciful God" please respond, "Receive our prayer."

*GREETING OF THE PEACE

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.

OFFERING

We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries. You may choose various forms of safe and easy electronic giving by credit card or direct deposit; ask us for help if needed. Please also remember your Rice Bowl offerings during Lent, to be placed in the bowl under the cross at the back.

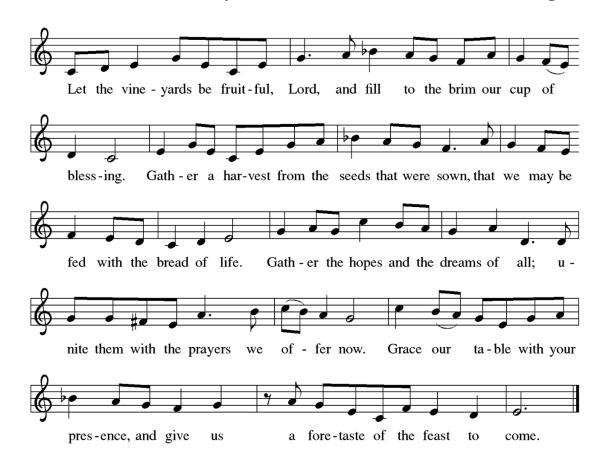
Music at the Offering: "Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

Text by Rosamund Herklot, setting by Nancy Raabe Grace Choir

"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray; but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart? In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew: how trifling others' debts to us, how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease; Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.



*OFFERING PRAYER

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Please wait for the ushers to invite your row forward following the Lamb of God. We kindly request that you keep at least six feet of distance from the person in front of or next to you.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

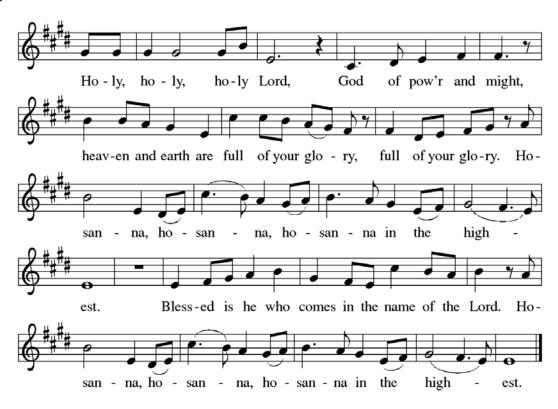
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



In the night in which he was betrayed...

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*LORD'S PRAYER

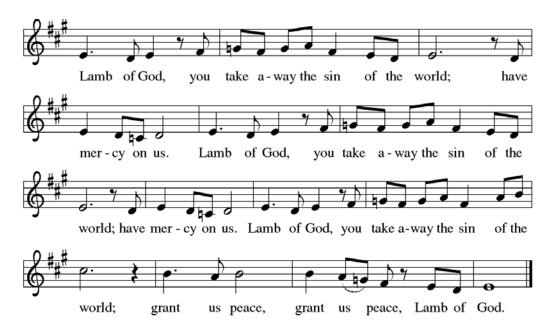
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven....

Invitation to Communion

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

LAMB OF GOD



Please indicate to an usher if you prefer to receive communion in your seat.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

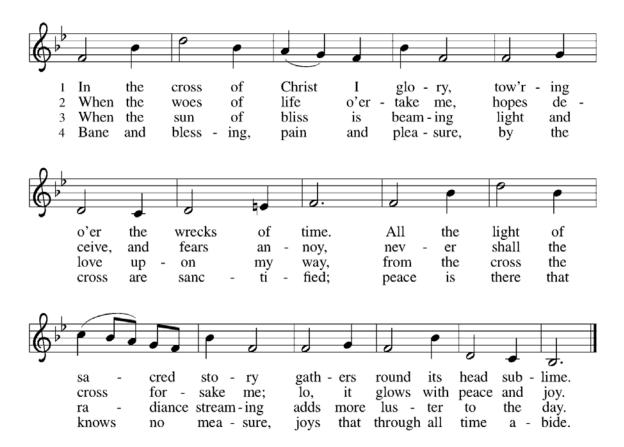
Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

Amen.

Announcements

*BLESSING

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, Holess you this day and always. Amen.



Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Chorale, "O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde groß" BWV 622, J. S. Bach (see next page for translation of the original text)

Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: 8:00 am, TBD; 10:30 am, Jayson Tula Ushers: 8:00 am, Bob Smyrl & Don Capanear;

10:30 am, Kay Deussing & Kathy Stawasz

Communion Assistant: 8:00 am, TBD; 10:30 am, Bob Reilly

Altar Guild: 8:00 am, Laura Kratz; 10:30 am, Kay Stone & Tami Sarm

Acolyte: 10:30 am, Cristiano Tula

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

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Translation of the Chorale Text:

O man thy grievous sin bemoan, For which Christ left His Father's throne, From highest heaven descending. Of virgin pure and undefiled, He here was born, our Savior mild, For sin to make atonement.

The dead He raised to life again,
The sick He freed from grief and pain,
Until the time appointed,
That He for us should give His Blood,
Should bear our sins' o'erwhelming load,
The shameful Cross enduring.

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855-4676; or anytime on her cell phone, 614.214.2639. Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses and hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and joyful events in your life.

Coming up at Grace:

COME ONE, COME ALL!

Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m.!

Fun for the whole family.
All are welcome!



Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors! Also that day, Music Café get-together, 7-9 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, April 14 and Good Friday, April 15, at noon and 7:30 p.m.

We now have "children's bulletin for that week. You may keep the bulletin but please return the bag as you leave.

Next Sunday's readings: Processional Gospel, Luke 19:28-40; First reading, Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-Luke 23:56

