

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023
10:30 a.m.



Blotting out the handwriting of
ordinances that was against us,
which was contrary
to us, and took
it out of the way,

nailing
IT TO HIS
CROSS.

Colossians 2:14, KJV



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WELCOME

PRELUDE

“God Will Take Care of You”

by W. Stillman Martin

Choir

Stand

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God,

C We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE *Greet others, saying “Peace be with you/And also with you”, along with a head nod, handshake, bow, or placing your hand on your heart.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN

"Drawn to the Cross"

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with each part corresponding to a voice line. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final two lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each system.

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so

gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now in Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might

life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838–96

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John 12:32; Ps. 51:2, 17; Gal. 6:10

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.**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C  **Lord, _____ have mer - cy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C  **Lord, _____ have mer - cy.**

P 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.

C  **Lord, _____ have mer - cy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C  **Lord, _____ have mer - cy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C  **A - - - - - men.**

The Hymn of Praise is traditionally omitted during lent.

[P] The Lord be with you. **[C] And also with you.**

[P] Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 2:16-23

[R] Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the universe, why do you live as if you still belonged to the world? Why do you submit to regulations, 'Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch'? All these regulations refer to things that perish with use; they are simply human commands and teachings. These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-imposed piety, humility, and severe treatment of the body, but they are of no value in checking self-indulgence.

[R] This is the Word of the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

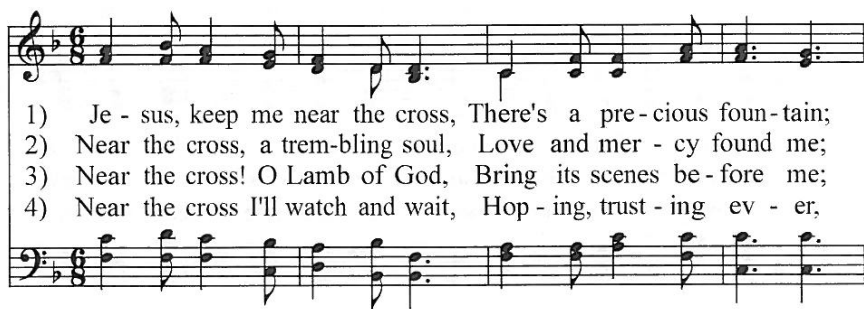
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MESSAGE "Shadows, or Substance" Colossians 2:17

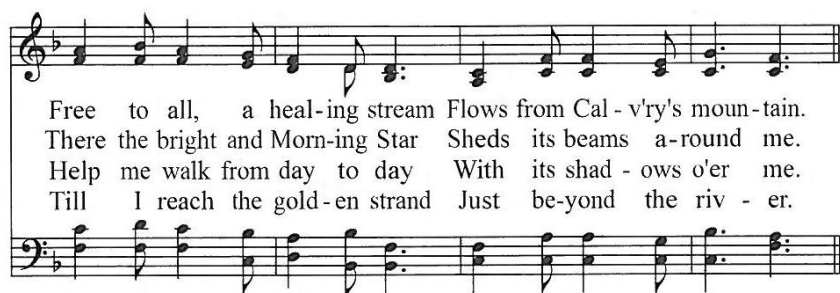
Stand

HYMN

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

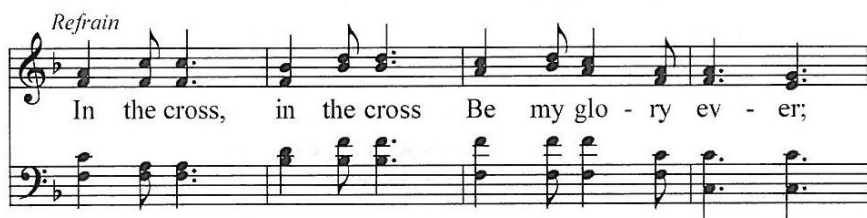


1) Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2) Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
 3) Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4) Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



Free to all, a heal - ing stream Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 There the bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.
 Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.
 Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;



Till my ran - somed soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.

Meter: 76.76 with Refrain
 Fanny Crosby, 1869

Source:
 TFBF 68

Tune: Near the Cross
 Wm. H. Doane, 1869

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING BREAK SERVANT EVENT PRESENTATION

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



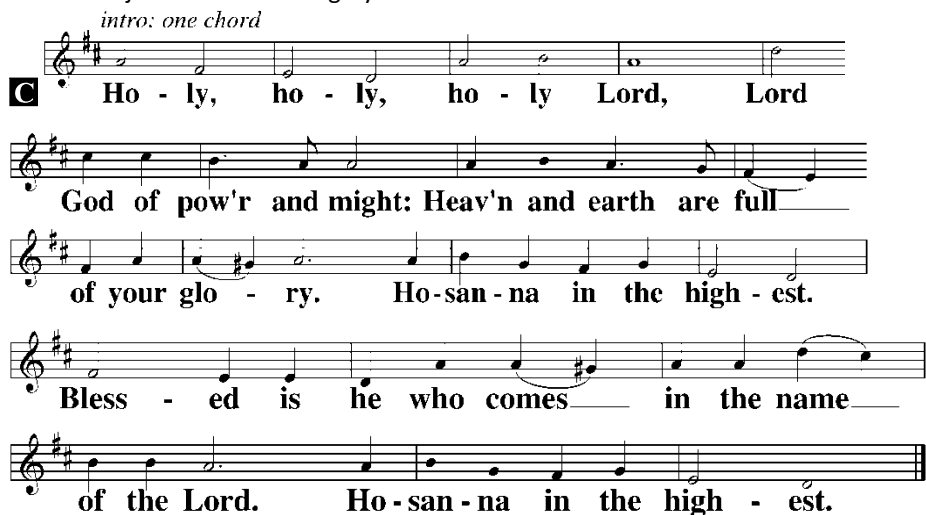
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[P] 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.

[P] 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

[C] 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



introduction

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.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive communion from pre-packaged elements or the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free options are available.

HYMN "There is a Redeemer"

1 There is a Re-deem-er— Je-sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je-sus, my Re-deem-er, Name a-bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo-ry, I will see His face;

Pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho-ly One.
 Pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Hope for sin-ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for-ev-er In that ho-ly place.

Refrain

Thank You, O my Fa-ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,
 And leav-ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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 Music: Melody Green, b. 1946, alt.

THERE IS A REDEEMER
 Irregular meter

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John 3:16

HYMN "Jesus, Name Above all Names"

1 Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful
 2 Je - sus, lov - ing shep - herd vine of the
 3 Je - sus, Way of sal - va - tion, King of

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em -
 branch - es, Son of God
 kings, Lord of lords, the

man - u - el, God is with us bless - ed Re -
 Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful coun - selor Lord of the
 way the truth, and the Life, Might - y cre -

deem - er, liv - ing Word.
 u - ni - verse, Light of the world.
 a - tor, My Sav - ior and friend.

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Stand

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

[P] Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C] Amen.**

BENEDICTION

[P] Let us bless the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

[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 give you peace.

[C] Amen.

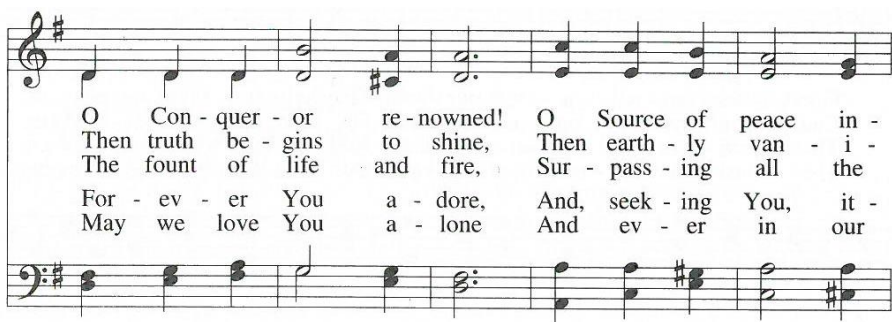
[P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God**

CLOSING HYMN

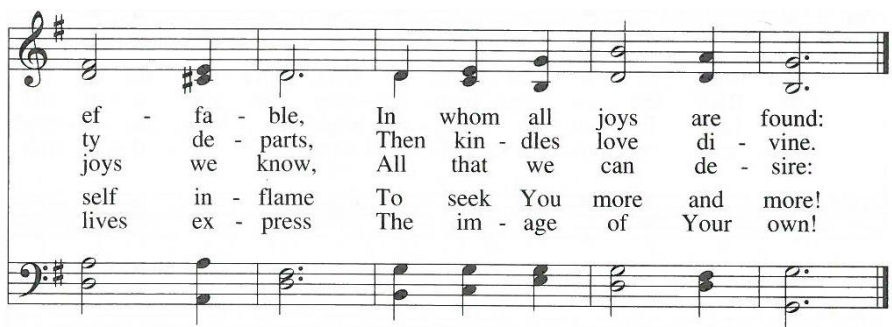
“O Jesus King Most Wonderful”



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!
 2 When once You vis - it dark - ened hearts,
 3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,
 4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,
 5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -
 Then truth be - gins to shine! Then earth - ly van - i -
 The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
 For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -
 May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:
 ty de - parts, Then kin - dles love di - vine.
 joys we know, All that we can de - sire:
 self in - flame To seek You more and more!
 lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.
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Luke 19:38; Phil. 2:10–11; Ps. 22:28; 45:1–3; 146:10; 1 Peter 2:7

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.
2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."
3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

- a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;
- b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.
