

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

8:45 a.m.

Our mission: By the grace of God we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are called to love and serve the community through faithful discipleship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

C **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

C **have mercy on us.**

P For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of **love and grace:**

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. 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.**

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray... Almighty God,

C **your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pew Bible O.T. p. 806

R The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130 (*Read responsively*)

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

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**⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING – Romans 8:6-11

Pew Bible N.T. p. 157

R The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

HOLY GOSPEL – John 11:1-45

Pew Bible N.T. p. 104

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Please stand

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

P Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Please stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray... Holy and generous host,

C you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

THE 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 him thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

P Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, † bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C **Amen.**

CHIMES

DISMISSAL

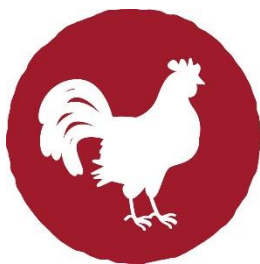
P By the grace of God we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

C **Led by the Holy Spirit we are called to love and serve the community through faithful discipleship.**

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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Jesus promised Martha and us: “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live” (John 11:25, NIV). Let us worship our Savior.

(-from the March 2020 Newsletter newsletter)

WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US AGAIN SOON!

*Today's **Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God in honor of the 8th birthday of Joseph and Kathryn Smith by the family.*

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - April 5:

8:45 & 10:45 AM

Maundy Thursday - April 9:

7:00 PM

Good Friday - April 10:

7:00 PM

Easter Sunday - April 12:

8:45 & 10:45 AM