

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 21, 2021

PRELUDE

KYRIE *Matthew 15:22, Mark 10:46-47, Luke 17:12-13*

sung by the cantor

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff with a soprano line and a bass clef staff with a bass line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

CONFESSION

Matthew 28:19, 1 John 1:8-9

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

Amen.

As we come into God's presence, let us confess our sin:

Merciful God, I confess that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and what I have left undone.

Silence is kept for personal reflection.

I repent of all my sins, known and unknown. I am truly sorry, and I pray for forgiveness. I firmly intend to amend my life, and to seek help in mending what is broken. I ask for strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

John 20:22-23

PSALM 51:1-12

setting by Sharon Erickson

Refrain:

Have mer-cy on me, O God. With your love, wipe a-way my sins. I ad - mit my sin-ful
na - ture, and the e - vil I have done. I ask you to cleanse me of my sin.

Cantor's verses:

From the time of my conception I was born to sin, but you desire truth in my being.
Cleanse me of my wickedness and I shall be clean, wash me till I'm whiter than snow.

Help me once again to hear gladness and joy, let these bones that you have bruised
rejoice. Hide your loving face from my sins, O Lord. Blot out all of my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from
your presence, do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your
salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.

GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:13

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your
messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

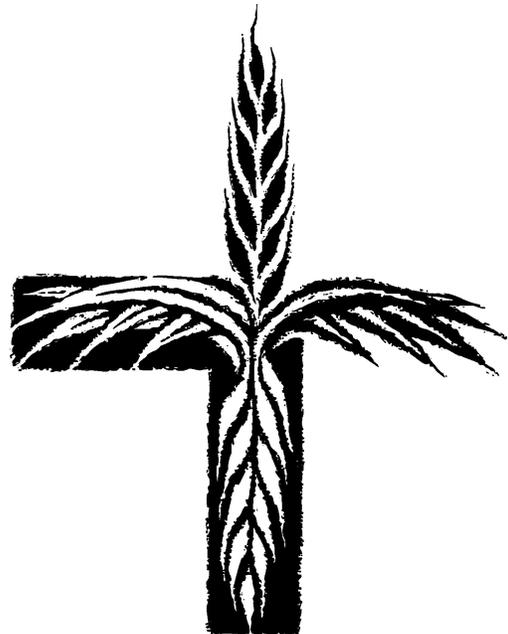
"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON



SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Ron Ernst & Sharon Erickson

+++ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM +++

PRESENTATION OF AUDREY JANE GRAY

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Audrey and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly:

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

BAPTISM

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "His Eye Is On the Sparrow/The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
Sharon Erickson & Cynthia Fletcher

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS



OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

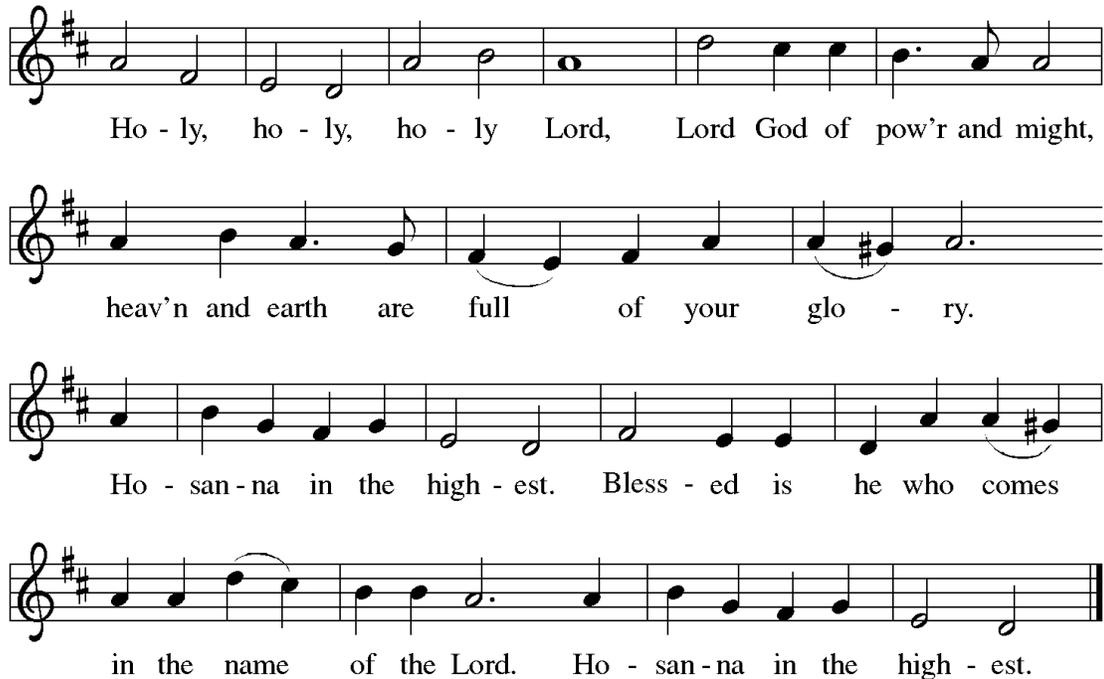
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 118:26, Matthew 21:9*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER AT THE TABLE

Response: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

WE SHARE IN CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD

PRAYER FOR USE BY THOSE NOT JOINING US IN PERSON

The following is adapted from an ancient prayer now in wide use in Lutheran, Episcopal, and Anglican congregations during this time when many are unable to be present to receive the Lord's Supper. Those joining us online are invited to use this prayer at this point in the liturgy. Please know that Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring you the sacrament. If you are interested in this ministry, please call the church office. The Lord's Supper is also being distributed at our 10:30 drive-in service in a low-contact manner.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where your Holy Supper is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:22-27*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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