

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

8:00 am

### AS WE GATHER

Today's Epistle speaks of Jesus, our High Priest. High priests are called to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people as well as themselves. Jesus is a different sort of high priest who offers Himself as sacrifice, once for all, that we might be forgiven and granted eternal salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that He came not to be served, but to serve. He came to offer His life as a ransom for us. As we follow Jesus, we are called to reflect His actions and attitude of service and sacrifice. May we likewise go to serve and sacrifice for others.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

#### 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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| 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,<br>Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.<br>All the light of sacred story<br>Gathers round its head sublime.       | 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming<br>Light and love upon my way,<br>From the cross the radiance streaming<br>Adds more luster to the day.           |
| 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,<br>Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,<br>Never shall the cross forsake me;<br>Lo, it glows with peace and joy. | 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure<br>By the cross are sanctified;<br>Peace is there that knows no measure,<br>Joys that through all time abide. |

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### INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: God's Word tells us that if we say we have not sinned, we make God out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us. Knowing that one who keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it, let's take a few moments to call to mind those times during this past week where we have fallen short of God's standard in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds.

## TIME FOR SILENT REFLECTION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God our Father

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen

## SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## READINGS

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1–10

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:35–45

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## ST. PATRICK'S CREED (from 'The Confession of St. Patrick')

There is no other God, and there never was another, nor will there be any after him except God the Father, without beginning. From him is all beginning. He upholds all things. And his Son Jesus Christ whom together with the Father we testify to have always existed. Before the beginning of the world, he was spiritually present with the Father. Begotten in an indescribable manner before all beginning. By him all things visible and invisible were made. He was made man, and having overcome death was received into heaven to the Father: And the Father has bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and God. In him we believe, and we await his coming who before long shall judge the quick and dead. He will render to everyone according to his deeds, and has poured out abundantly on us the gift of the Holy Spirit, even the pledge of immortality, who makes those that believe and obey to be the sons of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ. Him we confess and adore — one God in the Trinity of the sacred name.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON HYMN

### 433 Glory Be to Jesus

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| 1 | Glory be to Jesus,<br>Who in bitter pains<br>Poured for me the lifeblood<br>From His sacred veins!          | 4 | Abel's blood for vengeance<br>Pleaded to the skies;<br>But the blood of Jesus<br>For our pardon cries.         |
| 2 | Grace and life eternal<br>In that blood I find;<br>Blest be His compassion,<br>Infinitely kind!             | 5 | Oft as earth exulting<br>Wafts its praise on high,<br>Angel hosts rejoicing<br>Make their glad reply.          |
| 3 | Blest through endless ages<br>Be the precious stream<br>Which from endless torment<br>Did the world redeem! | 6 | Lift we, then, our voices,<br>Swell the mighty flood;<br>Louder still and louder<br>Praise the precious blood! |

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## SERMON

"Served and Serving"  
Mark 10:35-45

Pastor Eric Clausen

## OFFERING

## LORDS PRAYER

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## HOLY COMMUNION

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People: And also with you.

## AGNUS DEI

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#### 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
Thy blood which Thou for me didst  
shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain

4 Though death may threaten with  
disaster,  
It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
With aid and comfort e'er is near.  
Refrain

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
O blessed, holy Trinity.  
With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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#### 628 Your Table I Approach

1 Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.

2 Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

3 Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

4 Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Leader: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks that we have again received the Body and blood of Christ, the bread from heaven. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage, that we speak the truth in love and build up the Body of Christ until that day we see You face-to-face; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## BENEDICTION

Leader: 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.

People: Amen

## CLOSING HYMN

### 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.

2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?

Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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## DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

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“The  
**Son of Man**  
**came**  
not to  
be served but  
**to serve,**  
and to  
**give his life**  
as a ransom  
**for many.”**

MARK 10:45, ESV