

# **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

## **Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.**



### **Welcome!**

**To our guests and visitors:**

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us?

Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service.

## THE WONDERFUL CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Oh the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross,  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
Oh the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross,  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an off'ring far too small:  
Love so amazing so divine Demands my soul, my life, my all

Oh the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross,  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.  
Oh the wonderful cross, Oh, the wonderful cross,  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

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**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** What a priest we have in Jesus!

**People:** **He is our source of eternal salvation.**

**Pastor:** He sympathizes with us in our weakness.

**People:** **He offers prayers and supplications for us.**

**Pastor:** He serves us and sacrifices Himself for us.

**People:** **What a priest we have in Jesus!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Though Jesus is our great High Priest, we have lived as if we did not need Him, as though our sin was not dire and deadly. Despite our self-centered failures, our heavenly Father is merciful, and because of Jesus, He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence to ask for forgiveness.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People: we have sinned against our neighbors and against You. We have sought to be served. We have demanded others sacrifice for us. Forgive us, renew us, and humble us, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world to be our great High Priest, who came to serve and offer His life as a ransom for us. Christ died and is risen for you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen. We are forgiven. Christ has sacrificed His life for us.**

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are our great High Priest. Teach us to follow Your example of service and sacrifice for others, so that more people may know of the forgiveness that can only be found in You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

## Jeremiah 31:31-34

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 34 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Epistle Reading**

## **Hebrews 5:1-10**

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. <sup>3</sup> This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. <sup>4</sup> And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup> In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.” <sup>6</sup> And he says in another place, “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup> During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup> Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him <sup>10</sup> and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

## **Mark 10:32-45**

<sup>32</sup> They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. <sup>33</sup> “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of

the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, <sup>34</sup> who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.”

<sup>35</sup> Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” <sup>36</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. <sup>37</sup> They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” <sup>38</sup> “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup> “We can,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. <sup>42</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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 to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ***He Will Hold Me Fast***

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast.  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path,  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast,  
For my Savior loves me so.  
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight.  
Christ will hold me fast.  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost.  
His Promises shall last.  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast.  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died.  
Christ will hold me fast.  
Justice has been satisfied.  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight,  
When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast.  
He will hold me fast.  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.  
  
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He will hold me fast.  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.

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## **Sermon      Are You Sure You Want This Cup?      Mark 10:35-45**

### **The Offering**

#### **Prayer of Blessing**

**Pastor:**      God of every blessing, we are filled with thanksgiving and joy for all that you provide in daily life. Accept and bless these offerings, that they might sustain your church and meet the deep needs of all your people through the many ministries they support. Teach us how to trust your promises and live as your faithful followers.

**People:**      **Amen**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

**Pastor:**      We turn to our great priest Jesus in prayer, who has promised to hear us and intercede for us.

**People:**      For what a priest we have in Jesus,  
**who became our sacrifice.**

**Pastor:**      Lord Jesus Christ, be present with all those who are vulnerable and in need of advocacy, especially those in abusive relationships, the homeless, the disabled, and all children. Give us courage to be advocates and intercessors for those in need just as You are an advocate and intercessor for us. For what a priest we have in Jesus,

**People:**      **who became our sacrifice.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us as we endure the temptations and assaults of the devil. Forge our shields of faith to be stronger in resistance of Satan and his fiery arrows. Forgive us when we fail. For what a priest we have in Jesus,

**People: who became our sacrifice.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially* . . .]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life that You have won for all who believe in You. For what a priest we have in Jesus,

**People: who became our sacrifice.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You learned obedience through suffering. Strengthen us when we face suffering to learn obedience to Your Word of truth. For what a priest we have in Jesus,

**People: who became our sacrifice.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, as a priest You serve and sacrifice. Teach all people in Your church to follow Your example of service and sacrifice for the sake of others. For what a priest we have in Jesus,

**People: who became our sacrifice.**

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. For what a priest we have in Jesus,

**People: who became our sacrifice.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**



## **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**

## **The Invitation**

**P:** This morning we have another opportunity to encounter God's real, tangible grace for us in this meal; that in, with, and under these simple elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus Christ given to us for the forgiveness of sins.

And so, we become what we eat. We are the body of Christ to be sent out into the world. So it's necessary and good that we partake of this meal; that we experience God's love for us in this way, that we share this family meal together. So if this is your confession I would invite you to join me as we confess together our faith.

**C:** I understand and admit that I have sinned against God, that I recognize my sin and humbly ask God to forgive me. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and that He is my only hope against sin, death, and the devil.

**I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine I receive this true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life to the Lord and His Church by faithfully worshipping Him, cheerfully giving my time and resources, and joyfully sharing the Good News of Jesus with others.**

## **Words of Institution**

On the night He was betrayed,  
He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,  
"Take eat, my friends, this broken bread,  
this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.  
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love,  
remember me and my love for you again."

On the night He was betrayed,  
He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,  
“Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine,  
this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.  
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love,  
remember me and my love for you again.”

**Oh, we are here, to thank You Lord,  
for the bread and wine outpoured.  
For it is Your body and Your blood  
that You so lovingly and freely give to us.  
So we praise You holy Lamb of God;  
We love You our sweet Jesus.  
We love You our sweet Jesus.  
We love You our sweet Jesus.**

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## **Distribution**

### **10,000 Reasons**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning,  
it’s time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship Your holy name.

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending.  
Ten thousand years, and then forever more!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

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## **Communion Dismissal**

**P:** Now may this true body and blood, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith until life everlasting.

Go in His peace.

**C:** Amen

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**Pastor:** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. We ask that You would strengthen us as we journey toward Holy Week, trusting in Jesus, the source of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## **Benediction**

Pastor:           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.**

## **Shine, Jesus Shine**

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;  
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me, Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

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