

# Online Worship for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

## Prelude and Welcome

P: The Lord be with you;

**C: And also with you.**

## Gathering Prayer

*Luther's Morning Prayer*

P: Let us pray together:

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

*LSB #685:1-3*

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He  
am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to  
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He  
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to  
sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,  
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,  
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion  
Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and  
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts  
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that  
hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,  
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
Lord, with me a - bid; I shall fol - low where You guide.  
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.  
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

### Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit;

**C: Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

*Drawn from Psalm 116*

P: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**C: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

P: The snares of death encompassed me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**C: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

P: We come before our Lord, confessing our sins and seeking His forgiveness. Lord, have mercy.

*We keep a time of silence for reflection and personal confession to God.*

P: We confess that we have grown comfortable in our sin, and fallen prey to the snares of death laid for us.

**C: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

P: We confess that we have not called on You in need or in thanksgiving, and neglecting Your name we have suffered foolishly in silence.

**C: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

P: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful. In His mercy He has given His Son Jesus to die for you, and by His death and resurrection He has brought you to life. Therefore 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.

**C: Amen!**

### Greeting of Peace

P: Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**C: For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

P: We will walk before the Lord in the land of the living! The peace of the Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you.**

*Forgiven and freed in Christ, please take a moment to share the Lord's peace with each other.*

### Song of Response

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

*LSB #685:4*

- 4 **Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you;

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together:

**C: Heavenly Father, in You we have life today, and life forever. Lord Jesus, by Your death and resurrection You give us victory over all of our worst fears: isolation, sickness, sin, death, and the power of the devil. Holy Spirit, breathe Your breath of life into our bones and our souls once again. Holy God, restore our living hope, so that our lives might be signs of the joyous and vibrant life to come, where we will join with saints and angels to worship You as one God, forever and ever; Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

L: The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And He said to me,

P: "Son of man, can these bones live?"

L: And I answered, "O Lord God, You know." Then He said to me,

P: "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

L: So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then He said to me,

P: Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."

L: So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then He said to me,

P: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say,

**C: 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.'**

P: Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

LSB #570:1,3,6

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
6 Just as I am; Thy love un-known Has bro - ken  
blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
ev - 'ry bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine a -  
Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Holy Gospel

John 11:1-6, 17-27

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, he whom You love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it He said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

<sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when He heard that Lazarus was ill, He stayed two days longer in the place where He was. <sup>7</sup>But when Jesus came [to Bethany], He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>8</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>9</sup>and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>10</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house.

<sup>11</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>12</sup>But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>14</sup>Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>16</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>17</sup>She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Meditation

"But What If the Illness Does Lead to Death"

Hymn

"Abide With Me"

LSB #878:1,4,5,6



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!  
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

The Holy Gospel

John 11:28-44

<sup>28</sup> [Martha] went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here, calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, [Mary] rose quickly and went to Him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met Him. <sup>31</sup>When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

<sup>32</sup>Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup>And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that You always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You sent me." <sup>43</sup>When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Meditation

"You Will See the Glory of God"

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

LSB #801:1,3,4



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



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Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

Apostles' Creed

P: We confess our living faith, passed down by the saints from generation to generation:

**C: 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**

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Prayers

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P: Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for everyone in their many needs.

Prayer Hymn

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB #537

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

I: For those affected by the coronavirus, those who are anxious about their health, and all those in need of healing, especially these we remember now. . .

**C: God, provide them every necessary support.**

I: For the homeless, unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system:

**C: Protect them from disease, and provide isolation shelters in every city.**

I: For everyone who is laboring to stem the spread of the pandemic:

**C: God, grant them wisdom, endurance, and success.**

2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.

I: For those who must continue working, even while others shelter in place:

**C: Protect them from every harm, and bless them to know how much they matter to us.**

I: For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship:

**C: God, keep them from panic, and inspire Your whole Church to generously support them.**

I: For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future:

**C: God, help parents to be patient and joyful, and help children to adjust and cooperate.**

4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of  
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -  
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Lord's Prayer

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we pray:

**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: 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.**

Closing Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB #507

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

### Closing Prayer

P: God our Father, by Your mercy the world has come again to the beginning of a new week. Into Your hands we place the tasks that we face, the problems that we are called to solve, the fears that we dread, and the hopes toward which we press, knowing that only what You bless will prosper. We commit each other and all those we love to Your love and protection, knowing that You alone are our sure defender, through Jesus Christ our Lord:

**C: Amen.**

### Farewell

P: We are Gathered by God—

**C: To Share the Love of Jesus!**

P: Go in peace; Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

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