

REDEEMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A SERVICE FOR IN-HOME WORSHIP

March 29, 2020

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Service of Entrance

THE HYMN OF INVOCATION

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Gloria in Excelsis, Nikolaus Decius, 1525

Deutsche Evangelisch Messze, 1539



1. All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o -
2. We praise, we wor - ship thee, we trust, and give thee thanks for -
3. O Je - sus Christ, our God and Lord, Son of the heav'n - ly
4. O Ho - ly Spir - it, pre - cious gift, thou Com - fort - er un -



ra - tion; in grace and truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for thy rule is just and wise, and
Fa - ther, O thou who hast our peace re - stored, the stray - ing
fail - ing, from Sa - tan's snares our souls up - lift, and let thy



us sal - va - tion; thou show - est thy good - will to men, and
chang - es nev - er; thy hand al - might - y o'er us reigns, thou
sheep dost ga - ther; thou Lamb of God, to thee on high out
pow'r a - vail - ing, a - vert our woes and calm our dread. For



peace shall reign on earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.
do - est what thy will or - dains; 'tis well for us thou rul - est.
of the depths we sin - ners cry: have mer - cy on us, Je - sus.
us the Sav - ior's blood was shed; we trust in thee to save us.

Leader: Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

All: We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

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

People: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, by your great goodness mercifully look upon your people that we may be governed and pre served 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father, saying: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

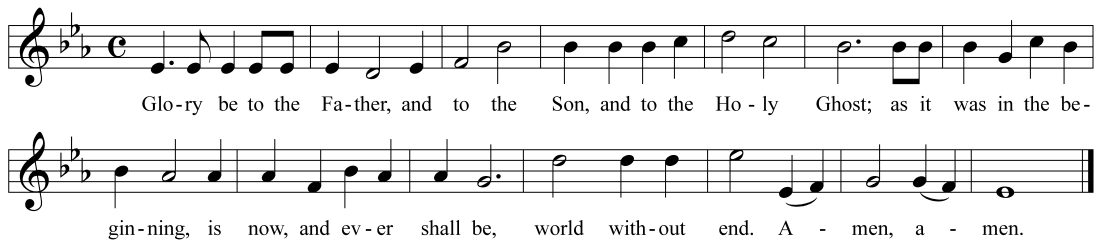
People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE

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Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry
bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean
shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,
love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,
in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!
is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,
died to call them all his own; how for them he
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me
lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

The Service of the Word

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice;

People: let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,

O LORD, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you;

therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him;

in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning,

more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD,

for with the LORD there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption,

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy 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."

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, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, 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." 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, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophesy, 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."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OUR RESPONSE

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1. Come, oh come, O quick-'ning Spir - it, God be - fore the
2. On - ly that which you de - sire be our ob - ject;
3. Bless - ed Spir - it, still re - new - ing all who dwell up -
4. Help us keep the faith for - ev - er; let not Sa - tan,



dawn of time! Fire our hearts with ho - ly ar - dor,
with your hand lead our ev - 'ry thought and ac - tion,
on the earth, when the e - vil one as - sails us
death, or shame draw us from you or de - prive us



bless - ed Com - for - ter sub - lime! Let your ra - diance
let them be at your com - mand. All our sin - ful -
help us prove our heav'n - ly birth; arm us with your
of the hon - or of your name. When the foe would



fill our night, turn - ing dark - ness in - to light.
ness e - raise with the in - crease of your grace.
might - y sword in the le - gions of the Lord.
lure us hence, be, O God, our sure de - fense.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition, there is an ellipsis. Use this to pause for silent prayer or to invite others in your group to add their own petitions.

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God around the world, and for our missionaries, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our pastors, elders, deacons, and people, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Greater Austin, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

All: To thee, O Lord our God. 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:9-11

When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MEDITATION

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

DEPARTING HYMN

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Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898

Edinburgh Psalter, 1635



1. O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
 2. You strove with Sa - tan and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
 3. Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
 4. Be with us through this sea-son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
 lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal Word.
 so teach us to de - ny our - selves since we have known God's love.
 that when the fin - al Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

This worship guide does not include a section for Communion. That is intentional because we believe that Communion can only be administered during the gathered worship of God's people. While we miss the regular partaking of the Lord's Supper, we do not miss the grace conveyed to the church (the "benefits of his mediation," as the Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A154 puts it) as long as we are also diligently attending to the Word and prayer. As you worship—either as an individual, family, or with other friends—in the coming weeks, you can be confident that Christ is in your midst and that you are being spiritually strengthened.