

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB 435

1. **Come to Calvary's holy mountain, Sinners ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.**
2. **Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.**
3. **Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more.**
4. **They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when He was glorified.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

L: With God's people throughout the ages and world we confess our sin that, because of the person and work of Christ, we may receive forgiveness.

C: **Most merciful and gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against You.**

L: We confess our sins of thought—

C: **We often have been foolish in our thinking, clouded in our judgment, confused in our imagination.**

L: We confess our sins of word—

C: **We have at times lied and slandered. We have grumbled and complained, even about Your mercy.**

L: We confess our sins of deed—

C: **We have squandered Your blessings, run from Your love, and rebelled against Your plan.**

L: Forgive us, we pray.

C: **For the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **✠ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI** LSB page 186

✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***THE KYRIE**

✠ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **✠ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **♩ Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for the fifth Sunday in Lent is from Ezekiel 37:11-14, page 725:

¹¹Then 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.' ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And 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.**

THE EPISTLE is from Romans 8:1-11, page 944:

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For 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, ⁴in 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. ⁵For 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. ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹You, 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **♩ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter, verses 17-27 & 38-53, page 897-898:

C: **♩ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."...³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The 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." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all.

⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in one 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Not All the Blood of Beasts

LSB 431

1. **Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace Or wash away the stain.**
2. **But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name And richer blood than they.**
3. **My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
While like a penitent I stand, And there confess my sin.**
4. **My soul looks back to see The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree; I know my guilt was there.**
5. **Believing, we rejoice To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice And sing His bleeding love.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Thomas Egger

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY

***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal.)

***THE BENEDICTION**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

TLH 155

1. Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, Which before the cross we spend.
Like and health and peace possessing From the sinner's dying Friend.
2. Here we rest in wonder, viewing All our sins on Jesus laid;
Here we see redemption flowing From the sacrifice He made.
3. Here we find the dawn of heaven While upon the cross we gaze.
See our trespasses forgiven, And our songs of triumph raise.
4. Oh, that, near the cross abiding, We may to the Savior cleave.
Naught with Him our hearts dividing, All for Him content to leave.

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Egger

Liturgists: Rev. Kastens and Rev. Furgeson / Sem. James Burke

Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM

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