

Divine Service

Fifth Sunday In Lent

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)

The Opening Hymn: 560 ss1-4

1 Drawn to the Cross which Thou hast blessed, with healing gifts for souls distressed, To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.

2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years; Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.

3 Wash me, and take away each stain, let nothing of my sin remain; For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.

4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a service be That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.

The Invocation

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

CONG: AMEN.

Call to Confession

PASTOR: Beloved in the LORD. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

CONG: AND THOU FORGAVEST THE INIQUITY OF MY SIN.

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O MOST MERCIFUL GOD, SINCE YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON TO DIE FOR US, HAVE MERCY ON US AND FOR HIS SAKE GRANT US FORGIVENESS OF ALL OUR SINS; AND BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT INCREASE IN US TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF YOU AND OF YOUR WILL AND TRUE OBEDIENCE TO YOUR WORD, TO THE END THAT BY YOUR GRACE WE MAY COME TO EVERLASTING LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

The Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

CONG: AMEN.

The Introit of the Day

Ps 5:4-8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

PASTOR:

Salvation belongs to the Lord;

Your blessing be on your people!

But you, O Lord, are a shield about me,

my glory, and the lifter of my head.

I cried aloud to the Lord,

And he answered me from his holy hill.

I lay down and slept;

I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

I will not be afraid of many thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.
Salvation belongs to the Lord;
Your blessing be on your people!

Gloria Patri

CONG: 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

CONG: LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.
CHRIST, HAVE MERCY UPON US.
LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

The Collect

PASTOR: 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.

CONG: AMEN.

The Old Testament Reading: ISAIAH 43:16-21

The Gradual Heb. 12:2

PASTOR: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder
and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that
was set before him endured the cross, despising
the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the
throne of God.

The Epistle: PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14

The Verse

PASTOR: The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone. Luke 20:17b

CONG: Hallelujah!

PASTOR: The Holy Gospel: ST. LUKE 20:9-20

Choir: “God So Loved The World” John Stainer

The Nicene Creed (We Confess Together)

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 SPIRIT 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 SITS
AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. AND HE WILL COME AGAIN WITH
GLORY TO JUDGE BOTH THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, WHOSE KINGDOM
WILL HAVE NO END. AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD AND
GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO
WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPED AND
GLORIFIED, WHO SPOKE BY THE PROPHETS. AND I BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY
CHRISTIAN 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.

The Sermon Hymn: 440 ss1-6

1 Jesus I will ponder now On Your holy passion; With Your
Spirit me endow For such meditation. Grant that I in love and
faith May the image cherish Of Your suff’ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.

2 Make me see Your great distress. Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And Your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound

You, How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.

3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see Your passion,
But its cause to me make known And its termination. Ah! I also
nd my sin Wrought Your deep affliction; This indeed the cause
has been of Your crucifixion.

4 Grant that I Your passion view With repentant grieving.
Let me not bring shame to You By unholy living. How could I
refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure Since for me God's only Son
Suffered without measure?

5 If my sins give me alarm And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm; Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won By Your holy passion. If for me
He slays His Son, God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew Help me bear my crosses.
Learning humbleness from You, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love! Hear me, O my Savior. That I
may in heav'n above Sing Your praise forever.

The Sermon: "Calvary's Climb Confronts Us With . . .
Life Isn't What Most Think"

The Offertory

CONG: 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.

The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

The Closing Hymn: 423 ss1-3

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 hath
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.

The Collect for the Word

PASTOR: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning, grant that we may
in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and
inwardly digest them, that by patience and
comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace, and
ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting
life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with Thee and the
Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
CONG: Amen.

The 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.
CONG: AMEN.