

Order of Worship

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 22, 2026 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Glorious Day”

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb ‘til I met You.

I was breathing but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb ‘til I met You.

Chorus:

**You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!**

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. Now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You. *Chorus*

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter. I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.

When I was broken, You were my healing;
Now Your love is the air that I’m breathing.
I have a future. My eyes are open.

‘Cause when You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

JOHN 11:45-53

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶ but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷ So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸ If 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." ⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰ Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish." ⁵¹ He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵² and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³ So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

THE SECOND READING

MATTHEW 27:11-31, 35-37

¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵ Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶ And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸ For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹ Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³ And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵ And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶ Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. ²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

"Resurrecting"

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now.
The Savior knelt to wash our feet; now at His feet we bow.

The one who wore our sin and shame now robed in majesty.
The radiance of perfect love now shines for all to see.

Chorus:

**Your name, Your name is victory.
All praise will rise to Christ our King.
Your name, Your name is victory.
All praise will rise to Christ our King.**

The fear that held us now gives way to Him who is our peace.
His final breath upon the cross is now alive in me. *Chorus*

By Your Spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat.
The resurrected King is resurrecting me.
In Your name I come alive to declare Your victory.
The resurrected King is resurrecting me. *Repeat*

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain was borrowed for three days.
His body there would not remain.
Our God has robbed the grave. Our God has robbed the grave.

Chorus:

**Your name, Your name is victory.
All praise will rise to Christ our King.
Your name, Your name is victory.
All praise will rise to Christ our King.**

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN A. LUCAS

“Journey to Easter: A King’s Sacrifice”
Matthew 27:35-37

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.

OFFERING

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MUSICAL OFFERING

ABIDING PRAISE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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 for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"The Lamb"

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: **Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. *Refrain*

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. *Refrain*

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain*

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. *Refrain*

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"Nothing But The Blood"

Your blood speaks a better word than all the empty claims
I've heard upon this earth, speaks righteousness for me,
And stands in my defense; Jesus it's Your blood.

Chorus:

**What can wash away our sins?
What can make us whole again?
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can wash us pure as snow, Welcomed as the friends of God?
Nothing but Your blood, nothing but Your blood, King Jesus.**

Your cross testifies in grace, tells of the Father's heart to make a way for us.
Now boldly we approach; Not earthly confidence,
It's only by Your blood. *Chorus*

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"King Of Glory"

Oh, don't lose heart, O my soul, O my soul.
Don't give up; there is hope, there is always hope.

And there is peace in the storm, in the storm.
No, don't forget He is Lord, He is Lord of all.

Chorus:

**There is a King of glory, there is a God who saves.
One who is strong and mighty, freedom is in His name.
Open the gates of heaven. Lift up a shout of praise.
There is a lion roaring: Jesus, the King of glory.**

So lift your eyes, stand in awe, stand in awe.
There is one, only one where my help comes from. *Chorus*

Nations bow, mountains shake at the sound of just one name.
Over all Jesus reigns, I know, I know.

Nations bow, mountains shake at the sound of just one name.
Over all Jesus reigns, I know.

Chorus:

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POSTLUDE

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Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by **Nick and Lynda Jacobs** in loving memory of **Kevin and Marsha Shaw**.

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams
Terri Green

Alexander Hernandez
Jeanne Kelly

Brad Morton