

# Order of Worship

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 29, 2020 – 10:15 a.m.

PRELUDE

LANA MIDDENDORF, ORGANIST

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

ABIDING PRAISE

### *“King Of Kings”*

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,  
Till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Chorus:* Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.  
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.  
For even in Your suff'ring, You saw to the other side.  
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Chorus*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.  
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.  
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

## THE FIRST READING

JOHN 11:17-27, 38-44

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 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." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 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." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 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."

## HYMN

### *"Glory Be to Jesus"*

Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!

Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!

Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

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## THE SECOND READING

JOHN 11:45-53

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. 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." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. 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." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON HYMN

### *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

*"Ebenezer" means "Thus far has the Lord helped us"  
and was the name given to the stone of remembrance that Samuel raised to God's glory. (1 Samuel 7:12)*

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THE SERMON

REV. DR. STEVE MUELLER

*"Prophetic Eyes"*

*John 11:45-53*

**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**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

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**PRAYERS**

**THE LORDS 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. Amen.

**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. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

*“Forever”*

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King, His love endures forever.  
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever.  
For the life that’s been reborn, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

**Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us; Forever.....Forever.**

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.  
By the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us; Forever.

**Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us; Forever.....Forever,  
Forever.....Forever, Forever.....Forever.**

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*We Pray For This Week*

Bob & Marie Demmond & Family, Fred & Vivien Dezwart & Family,  
Dave & Beth Dierking & Family, Val & Victoria Distor & Family, Judith Ditto,  
Carrie Donohoe & Family, Heather Dorris & Family, Linda Dowd,  
Carol Driscoll & Family, John & Karen Egley & Family

*Keep in Your Prayers*

**Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:**

Brian Adams                      Patricia Howard                      Maggie Winn  
Terri Green                      Jeanne Kelly  
Alexander Hernandez              Jan Morton

**We pray for those who are recovering:**

Rocky Hewitt                      Brad Morton