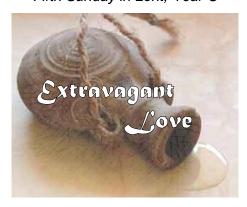
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Sunday, April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Lent. Year C



Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE God Is Love - Here is Love

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

→ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: Compassionate One,
- C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.
- C: Amen.

HYMN Christ the Life of All the Living No. 339

1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe: through your suffering, death and merit, life eternal I inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

- 2 You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently, even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me; for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.
- 3 Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore, for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore; thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying, for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.

PRAYER OF THE DAY We pray together

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert.

C: Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:16-21

Water given to the chosen people in the wilderness

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ "Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM 126 We read responsively

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb. >>

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

New values: to know Christ and his resurrection

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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♦ THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-8

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Mary anoints Jesus for his burial

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared

about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S WORD

SERMON Pastor D.J. Chatelaine

HYMN OF THE DAY: My Song is Love Unknown

Tune: RHOSYMEDRE V. 1,2,5,6 [LBW 94)

- 1 My song is love un known, my Sav-ior's love to me,
- 2 He came from his blest throne sal-va-tion to be stow;
- 5 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
- 6 Here might I stay and sing no sto-ry so di vine!



love to the love-less shown, that they might lovely be. the world that was his own would not its Sav -ior know. in death no friend-ly tomb but what a stran-ger gave. Nev-er was love, dear king, nev-er was grief like thine.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail But, oh, my friend, my friend in-deed who at my need his What may I say? Heav'n was his home, but mine the tomb where-This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die? life did spend! Who at my need his life did spend! in he lay; but mine the tomb where - in he lay. glad - ly spend! I all my days could glad - ly spend!

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God in your mercy, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe in the front of the church.

♦ OFFERING PRAYER

- P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.
- C: As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Spoken

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION AND HYMN I Am the Bread of Life

No. 485

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

- "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."
- 2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever." Refrain
- 3 "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you." *Refrain*
- 4 "I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain*
- 5 Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who have come into the world.

Refrain

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
- C: Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

♦ SENDING SONG

No. 803

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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DISMISSAL

- L: Go in peace. Live in hope. Care for others as God cares for you.
- C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE O Love How Deep

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CALENDAR

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Su 4-6	9 AM WORSHIP
	*Palm Sun Singers Practice after Worship
	10 AM Coffee & Sun. School: Packing
	Care Pkgs
	11 AM First Communion Prep Meeting
	11:30 AM – 1:30 PM KAIC Benefit:
	Soup Cook Off & Cake Auction at Gol
Mo 4-7	5 РМ Worship/Evangelism
We 4-9	5:30 Soup Supper (Last)
	6:30 Wednesday Lenten Worship
Th 4-10	1 PM LOVE DAY
	7 PM AA
Sat 4-12	8 to 11 KWHS-CHOIR Waffle Feed
	Fundraiser at First Fellowship Hall
Sun 4-13	9 AM Palm Sunday Worship w/
	Procession & Passion Reading
	10 AM Sunday School
	FLCW BRUNCH
	DEADLINE Last Day for Easter Plant &
	Organ Slips in Honor/Memory
	3 PM Choir Concert "It Is Finished"
	at Emmanuel Lutheran Church,
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