

## Sunday, March 17, 2024

*Fifth Sunday in Lent, Yr B*



*Ringing of Bell*

PRELUDE *Bell Choir*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SYMBOLS Week 5– SPEAR

*JOHN 19:34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.*

MUSIC: VS. 1 + LENT 5  
*Tree of Life & Awesome Mystery* No. 334

v.1 **Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn; though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

Lent 5 **God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death, hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as ev'ry breath, love as near as ev'ry breath.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your**

**Holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than take care of your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, releases us, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*God Loved the World* v.1,2,3 No. 323

- 1 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save, that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.**
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death; all who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.**
- 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *we pray together*

L: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

L: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers.

**C: Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

*A new covenant written on the heart*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be

my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 119:9-16 *we read responsively*

L: How shall the young keep their way clean? By keeping to your word.

**C: With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.**

L: I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.

**C: Blessed are you, O LORD; instruct me in your statutes.**

L: With my lips I recite all the judgments of your mouth.

**C: I take greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.**

L: I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

**C: My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:5-10

*Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation*

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

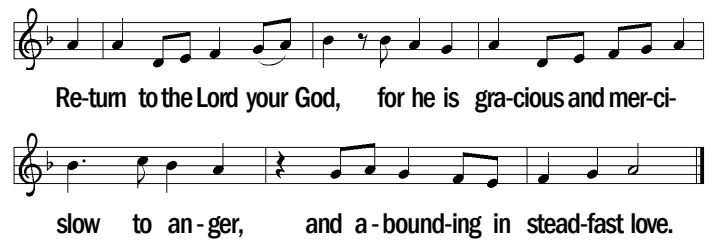
<sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Stg 4, S151b

*Return to the Lord your God*



THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

*The grain of wheat dying in the earth*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

MESSAGE Pastor Kris Ferkin

HYMN vss.1,2,4 No. 379

Now the Green Blade Rises

1 **Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.**

2 **In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.**

4 **When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.**

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 P: Hear us, O God  
C: **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF PEACE

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

OFFERING—Bell Choir--GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal.  
C: **Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER  
WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
LORD'S PRAYER  
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

Chief of Sinners Though I Be No. 609

1 **Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me, died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.**

2 **Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above, deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity. Love that found me—wondrous thought—found me when I sought him not.**

3 **Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart, peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.**

4 **Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me; all my wants to him are known, all my sorrows are his own. He sustains the hidden life safe with him from earthly strife.**

5 **O my Savior, help afford by your Spirit and your word! When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way; grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
C: **As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* No. 803

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.**

*Ringing of Bell*

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve in Love.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Bell Choir*

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## PARTICIPANTS

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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## CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUN 3/17	9 AM 10 AM 10:15	WORSHIP-5th Sun in LENT Coffee -- <b>Intergenerational BINGO in the fellowship hall</b>
TUE 3/19	5 PM	KAIC
WED 3/20	5:30 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Soup Supper Lenten Worship Council Meeting Gr. 7-12 Escape Room Challenge
THU 3/21	5:30 PM	Sons of Norway
FRI 3/22		<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE !!!</b>
SUN 3/24	9 AM 10 AM	<i>Palm Sunday</i> WORSHIP- SS SINGS FLCW BRUNCH – Youth Assisting SS/YOUTH PALM ACTIVITY

// WED MAR 20 LENTEN WORSHIP –“*Signs of Lent*”  
6:15 Downstairs. This Wk: DEAD END. We are reminded that unlike other paths in life, Jesus is not a dead end, but a start to life everlasting.

//LOOKING AHEAD

Fri, Mar 22 **April Newsletter Deadline**  
Sun Mar 24 PALM SUN: Procession w/palms, Sun. School Sings, FLCW Brunch / Youth Volunteers Needed, SS & Youth Palm Activity.  
Sun Mar 24 **Easter Plant slip deadline.**  
Wed Mar 27 1st Communion Youth Class & Meal  
M.Thu Mar 28 Worship, Youth Rcv 1st Communion, Passion Reading, Stripping of the altar.