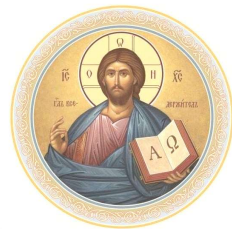


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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

+ April 5, 2020 +

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God’s richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew.

Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.

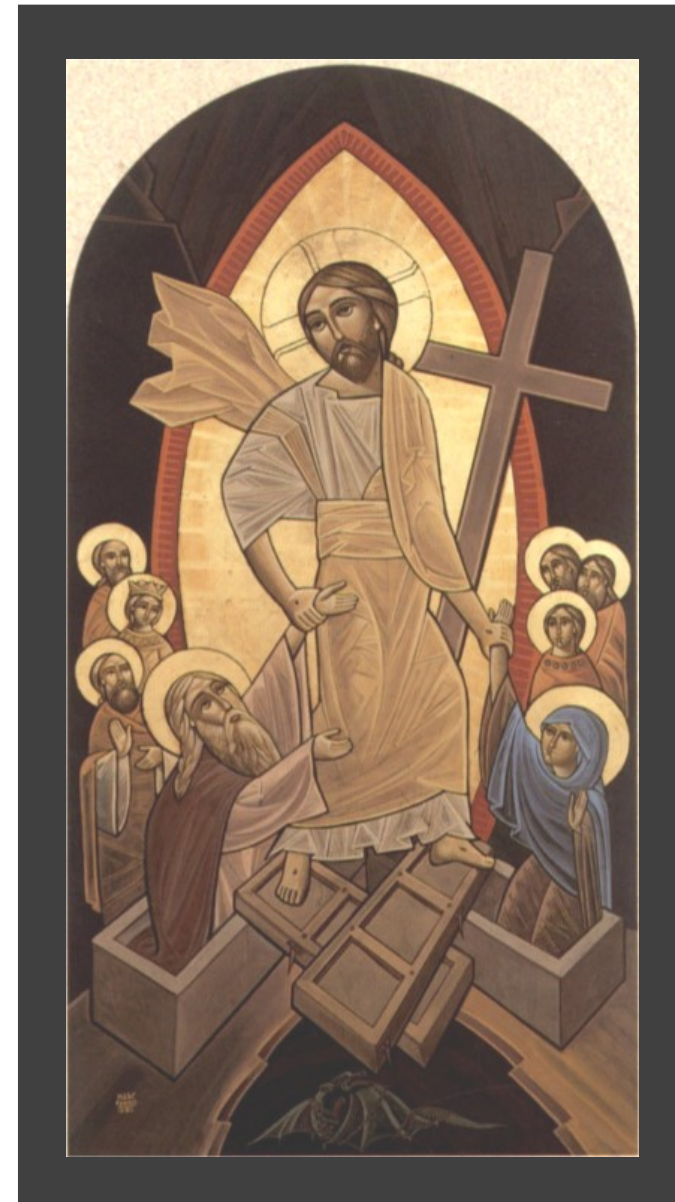
We are so glad to have you worshipping with us today!

LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.

WELCOME:

“For what reason was Christ weeping? Certainly He is the same one who had said: ‘Lazarus is dead, and I rejoice.’ The very one about whose death Jesus rejoices, He laments at the time when He raises him. When He loses him he sheds no tears, but when He lifts him up it is then that He weeps; He pours out mortal tears at the time when He pours back in the spirit of life. Brothers, the nature of our human body has this tendency, the force of joy and the force of sorrow both produce tears. This is why Christ wept, not from grief in the face of death, but from calling to mind that happiness when by His own voice, and solely by His voice, He would raise up all the dead to eternal life.”

—St. Peter Chrysologus, *Sermon 64*



though *our adversary the Devil prowls around like a roaring lion* (1 Peter 5:8), the Lord has closed his mouth against us.

This Holy Week will be different: No one will be here to share the Lord's Supper of Maundy Thursday. There will be no liturgy on Holy Saturday. No one will march into the sanctuary to keep vigil on the night before Easter. But we will spend this vigil in the pit of the lions, sealed beneath a rock.

Though the night is long, though the teeth of our enemy encircle us, rejoice, for the dawn is coming. And on the third day, we will emerge with Daniel, and say, "He is risen! He is risen, indeed!"

Due to the restrictions of this extended quarantine, **we cannot meet together for Good Friday and the days following**, as we had previously hoped. Rather, we will continue to upload worship services to the internet for everyone to participate from afar. Along with these changes, **there will no longer be a Maundy Thursday or Easter Vigil service**, as those liturgies depend so heavily upon congregational presence. **This Holy Week will consist of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.** (See below for the schedule of services.)

We say with the psalmist, "Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!" (Psalm 137:6). For indeed, we look forward to our return to Jerusalem, when we will be reunited in the courts of the Lord's House. This Easter, do not forget the songs of Zion, for Christ has triumphed over the grave—even for those in exile.

Hold fast, dear Christians, for soon you shall say, "He is risen! He is risen, indeed!"

Update Schedule of Worship Services:

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Service</u>
Sunday, April 5	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Wednesday, April 8	Lenten Midweek Vespers
Sunday, April 12	Palm Sunday
Friday, April 17	Good Friday
Sunday, April 19	The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal³. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?

Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?

Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith⁴, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

¹Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

³1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE IV

PRESERVICE MUSIC

The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate.

OPENING HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

#752

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

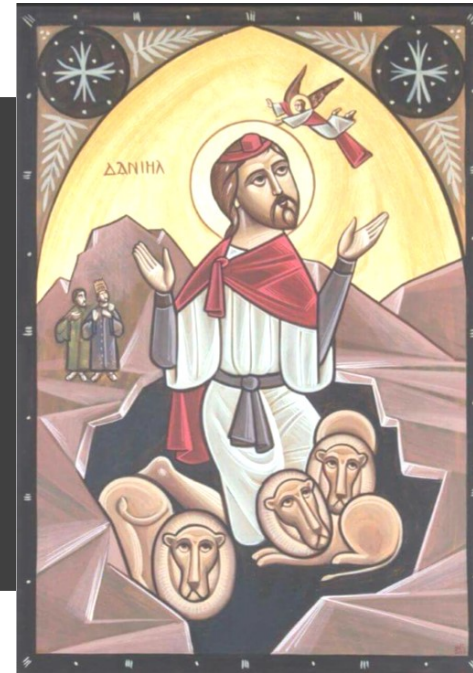
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.



Holy Week in Exile

An Update on Worship at Christ Lutheran

While the Church continues her sojourn through this Lenten wilderness, we remember our Hebrew forefathers in their Exile to Babylon. Banished to a foreign land, their Temple destroyed, they could not observe the Passover as they had for a thousand years. “How shall we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?” they cried (Psalm 137:4).

We echo those words, finding ourselves in similar confusion as we approach Holy Week – the highest week of the Church year, wherein we bear our palms in procession, we partake of the Lord’s Supper on the night He was betrayed, and we reenter the darkened sanctuary together to declare His triumph over Death and Hell.

How shall we sing the Lord’s song, while we are in this foreign land? How shall we celebrate, when we cannot commune together? How shall we worship, apart from Mount Zion, even the altar of Christ Lutheran Church?

Fear not, for even as Daniel prayed alone in his room, so shall we persist in praying together while we are apart. This Holy Week will be unlike any we have ever experienced—it will be our Passover in Babylon. But God remembered His people in captivity, and He protected Daniel against the teeth of the lions. So too,

Life at Christ... while You're at Home: Don't let quarantine keep you down! The good Lord continues to give you His gracious gifts. Join us, even from afar:

- Find bulletins and audio recordings of CLC's worship services in your email inbox (contact Sister Sara if you have not received them). They will be sent in time for you to participate at our normal service hours, that we may "not give up meeting together" (Hebrews 10:25).
- Find video of our worship services streamed on the Christ Lutheran Facebook page.
- Follow Christ Lutheran on Facebook for daily encouragement and updates.
- Check the church blog (ChristLutheranJacksonMS.org/LifeAtChrist/) for articles and meditations from your pastors.
- Contact us – by phone, email, Facebook, or carrier pigeon – with concerns, prayer requests, questions, and thoughts. We are here for you!

Even and *especially* in times of crisis, God is with His people – you don't have to go it alone. Join together with your family here at Christ Lutheran, wherever you may be, as we await the celebration of our Lord's victory over the grave!

Readings for next Sunday, April 12th, the Feast of Palm Sunday:

Introit Ps. 116:1-4, 8; Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-53.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: April 6 – April 12

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers Online

Sunday 10:30 a.m. Divine Service Online – The Feast of Palm Sunday



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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT: DILEXI QUONIAM

Psalm 116:1-4, 8; Ant. Psalm 116:15



Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.

**I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.**

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"

**For you have delivered my | soul from death,*
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his saints.

THE LITANY

L O Lord,
C have mercy.

L O Christ,
C have mercy.

L O Lord,
C have mercy.

L O Christ,
C hear us.

- L** God the Father in heaven,
C have mercy.
- L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C have mercy.
- L** God the Holy Spirit,
C have mercy.
- L** Be gracious to us.
C Spare us, good Lord.
- L** Be gracious to us.
C Help us, good Lord.
- L** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
 From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from
 rebellion;
 From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from
 everlasting death:
C Good Lord, deliver us.
- L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
 By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by
 Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
 By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,
 the Comforter:
C Help us, good Lord.
- L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and
 in the day of judgment:
C Help us, good Lord.
- L** We poor sinners implore You
C to hear us, O Lord.
- L** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and
 ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your
 wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
 To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all
 who have erred and are deceived;
 To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and
 to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

#543

POSTLUDE

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Serving Today:

Celebrant: Rev. George Fields

Cantor: Rachel Landrum

Organist: Sr. Sara Fields

Lenten Vespers – Wednesday Nights at 6:00pm: This year, we are examining those attitudes and habits that are incongruous with our new life in Christ through the lens of our fallen eyes – our Betraying Eyes, Denying Eyes, Murderous Eyes – eyes that will serve not only as a metaphor for our sinful hearts, but also as a metaphor for contrition and faith by which we gaze upon Christ crucified and risen for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Throughout this Season, “let us fix our eyes on Jesus” (Heb 12:2), turning from all that might separate us from Christ to walk in newness of life, that we may be ready to enter with Him into the Paschal Feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end.

3/4/20: Midweek 1 – “Betraying Eyes”

3/11/20: Midweek 2 – “Sleepy Eyes”

3/18/20: Midweek 3 – “Denying Eyes”

3/25/20: Midweek 4 – “Murderous Eyes”

4/1/20: Midweek 5 – “Worldly Eyes”

4/8/20: Midweek 6 – “Eyes on Jesus”

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- A** Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C have mercy.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C have mercy.

L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C grant us Your peace.

L O Christ, **C** hear us.

L O Lord, **C** have mercy.

L O Christ, **C** have mercy.

L O Lord, **C** have mercy. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live,

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to one of the pastors are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to a pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

#756

Please stand following distribution of communion

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

G 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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28

P 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 cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Hebrews 12:2



**[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, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

TRACT

Psalm 129:1-4

- P** “Greatly have the afflicted me from my youth”—
Let Israel now say—
- C** “Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,
Yet they have not prevailed against me.
The plowers plowed upon my back;
They made long their furrows.”
- P** The Lord is righteous;
He has cut the cords of the wicked.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

- P** The Holy Gospel ✠ according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

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,

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition of the prayer:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

For comfort, health and recovery: **Mary Cornelius, Michelle Everett, Bill Gassett, Terry Gassett, Christopher Martin, John Unger, Marilyn Unger;**

For those who mourn: The family and friends of **Herbert Kalkitis, Deanna Foster, Tony Foster;**

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For foreign missionaries: **David and Shelee Warner;**

This week's prayer family: **Bill & Terry Gassett** and their loved ones.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

“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.”

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

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.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN**O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life (Tune #444)**

- 1 O Christ, who shared our mortal life
And ended death's long reign,
Who healed the sick and raised the dead
And bore our grief and pain:
We know our years on earth are few,
That death is always near.
Come now to us, O Lord of Life;
Bring hope that conquers fear!
- 2 Two weeping sisters, worn by grief
And mired in depths of gloom,
Stood watching where their brother lay
Within a rock-sealed tomb.
When, Lord, You met them as they
mourned,
You wept compassion's tear.
But Martha, sore with sorrow, said,
"He'd lived had You been here!"
- 3 "I am the Lord of life and death!"
You answered Martha's cry,
"And all who hear and trust My Word
Shall live, although they die!"
You walked the path to Laz'rus' tomb,
You called him forth by name,
And living, loving once again,
From death to life he came!
- 4 Death's power holds us still in thrall
And bears us toward the tomb.
Death's dark'ning cloud hangs like a pall
That threatens earth with doom.
But You have broken death's embrace
And torn away its sting.
Restore to life our mortal race!
Raise us, O Risen King!

SERMON*Why Jesus Wept**Please stand***NICENE CREED**

☩ I believe in one God, (Rom 10:10; Deut 6:4)
the Father Almighty, (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:3)
maker of heaven and earth (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)
and of all things visible and invisible. (Col 1:16)
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, (Rom 10:9)
the only-begotten Son of God, (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16)
begotten of His Father before all worlds, (Jn 1:2)
God of God, Light of Light, (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1)
very God of very God, (Col 2:9) **begotten, not made,** (Jn 1:2)
being of one substance with the Father, (Jn 10:30)
by whom all things were made; (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3)
who for us men and for our salvation (1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23)
came down from heaven (Jn 6:41; Lk 15:20)
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary (Lk 1:34-35)
and was made man; (Jn 1:14)
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. (Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18)
He suffered and was buried. (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53)
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6)
and ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9)
and sits at the right hand of the Father. (Acts 7:55)
And He will come again with glory (Mt 26:64)
to judge both the living and the dead, (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)
whose kingdom will have no end. (2 Pt 1:11)
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, (Jn 14:26; Gen 1:2; Acts 2:38)
the Lord and giver of life, (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6)
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (Jn 15:26)
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, (Mt 3:16-17)
who spoke by the prophets. (Eze 11:5)
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22)
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, (Eph 4:5)
and I look for the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:35-49; 1 Thess 4:13-18)
and the life ☩ of the world to come. (Mk 10:29-30; Mt 10:40-42)
Amen. (Ps 106:48)

Us men means all people.*Christian:* the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine