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**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

March 29, 2020

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "There Is a Balm in Gilead" *setting by Mark Hayes*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: Let us pray.

All: God of all consolation and compassion, your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary; your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair and death with the hope of resurrection and faith in the One who called Lazarus forth from the grave. Amen.

*Hymn #687

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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*Unison Prayer of Confession

Amazing and life-giving God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us. We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us for wanting to limit you to "the last day" or "the world beyond this one," not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)



*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Sisters and Brothers in Christ, hear the good news of the Gospel: Jesus Christ was crucified, died, and was buried. But that is not the end of that story . . .

All: ...and it is certainly not the end of our own. For on the third day Christ rose from the dead, defeating death once and for all, so that we might live as a redeemed people.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Special Music **"What Wondrous Love Is This"** *setting by Joel Raney*

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word with us stay and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.

Gospel Lesson

John 11:1-57

Sermon

"A Matter of Life and Death"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession with the Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. **Amen.***



GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Hymn of Promise"

setting by John Carter

The Affirmation of Faith: The 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

HYMN OF PROMISE

*Benediction

*Come out! Jesus commands,
and calls us from the tombs of our existence
into the brightness of a new day.*

*Come out! Jesus cries,
and unbinds us from the chains of our past.*

*Come out! Jesus calls,
and entices us into a world filled with grace and possibility.*

*Go out!
Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!*

*Go out!
Into a world that needs the Spirit of God,
carried on our lips and in our loving arms.*

*Go out!
Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!*

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible



FIFTH SUNDAY
In Lent



The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and continues through Holy Saturday, April 11. This six week period before Easter provides us with the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' life and teachings as we make our way toward Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Here is a reading by William Arthur Ward for you to use during this Lenten Season. It is called "Keeping a Holy Lent."

The
Season
of
Lent



- Fast from judging others; feast on Christ's dwelling in them.*
- Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.*
- Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of life.*
- Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.*
- Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.*
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.*
- Fast from anger; feast on patience.*
- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.*
- Fast from worry; feast on divine order.*
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.*
- Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.*
- Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer.*
- Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.*
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.*
- Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.*
- Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.*
- Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.*
- Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.*
- Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.*
- Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.*
- Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.*
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.*
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that strengthens.*