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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

The congregation stands

Silent Procession by choir and pastor

The congregation sits

Introit by the Choir Christ, We Do All Adore Thee Theodore Dubois, 1899

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

Prayer to the Lamb of God

After each section of the prayer, the congregation joins the pastor, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn 78

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Martyrdom

Prayer of Confession

Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Savior ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie by the Choir

David N. Johnson, 1972

Concluding Prayer by the Pastor

Assurance of Pardon – Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 483

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)
Almighty God, you are the redeemer of all who trust you, and you heed the cry of your people. Deliver us from the bondage of sin that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the **Baptismal Font** for a

Time for Young Christians

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Unison

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

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

Then it was 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 Negev.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Anthem

God So Loved the World

Sir John Stainer, 1887

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

(-- John 3:16-17, KJV; music from the oratorio *The Crucifixion*)

Gospel

John 12:1-8

Sermon

Hopefully Devoted to You

Mike Krech

“Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them with her hair.”

John 12:3a

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

Apostles’ Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley based on a traditional spiritual

Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

arr. Douglas Wagner

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Passion Chorale

Today is the fifth Sunday in the season of Lent. For many years this Sunday was also called Passion Sunday, which focused on the betrayal and suffering of Jesus. Passion Sunday has more recently been joined with Palm Sunday and we will observe both next Sunday. Today’s Old Testament and Psalm are rather hopeful passages about God’s restoration of good things to the people of the covenant. That hopefulness carries on to the Epistle, where Paul says he willingly counts all as loss compared to the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord. In the Gospel lesson, Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus, pours out costly perfume on Jesus’ feet. She too seems to sense the surpassing value of knowing Jesus. (JMK)