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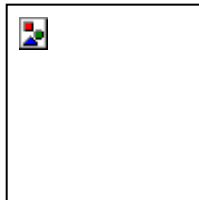
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Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Prelude in E Minor J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Introit

Lead Me, Lord Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1861

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness; make Thy way plain before my face,
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety. (Psalm 5:8;4:8)

Prayer to the Lamb of God

After each section of the prayer, the pastor says, "Hear us as we pray,"
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 574 sung by all

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, the redeemer of all who trust you, 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 safely greet one another with the peace
of Christ, and then sit for the announcements.)

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

Psalms 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 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Tune: Passion Chorale
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

Gospel John 12:1-8

Sermon My Devotion Mike Krech
“Mary took a pound of costly perfume ... anointed Jesus’ feet and wiped them with her hair.” Jn.12:3

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 365 Jesus, Priceless Treasure Jesu, Meine Freude

Nicene Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory On hymn tunes Jefferson and Promised Land (Southern Harmony)
arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Words of Institution and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Please observe physical distancing of six feet as you come to the tables.

Please give the person in front of you adequate time for a reverent Communion.

Carefully take a piece of bread and consume it safely, away from the bread tray.

If you choose also to receive the cup, drink away from the cup tray.

Place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor offers a prayer of spiritual Communion for those not receiving.

Communion Anthem I Will Bless You, Lord Darlene Zschech, 1998

Akwi Aseh, Awaiwing Itambi

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion and Benediction

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 509 For the Bread Which You Have Broken Cross of Jesus

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church on the fifth Sunday in the season of Lent.

This Sunday was for a long time called Passion Sunday, focused on the 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 hopeful passages about God’s restoration of good things to

the people of the covenant. The Epistle is also hopeful, as Paul says he willingly counts all as loss

compared to the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord. In the Gospel, Mary pours

costly perfume on Jesus’ feet. Mary also expresses the surpassing value of knowing Jesus. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I!
Was it for sins that I have done He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut its glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer died For human creatures' sin.
But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'Tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707;

Tune: MARTYRDOM; Hugh Wilson, c. 1800; adapt. and harm. Robert Smith, 1825

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade, God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo, all is just, and all is right:
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, But through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body take your part.
To God all praise and glory.

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART; Bohemian Brethren *Kirchengesang*, 1566

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Jesus, priceless treasure, Source of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me;
Long my heart hath panted, Till it well-nigh fainted, Thirsting after Thee.
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb,
I will suffer nought to hide Thee, Ask for nought beside Thee.

In Thine arm I rest me, Foes who would oppress me Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, Every heart be quaking, God dispels our fear;
Sin and hell in conflict fell
With their heaviest storms us; Jesus will not fail us.

Hence, all thoughts of sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in:
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within;
Yea, whate'er we here must bear,
Still in Thee lies purest pleasure, Jesus, priceless treasure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1650; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863;

Tune: JESU, MEINE FREUDE; Johann Crüger, 1653; harm. J.S. Bach, 1723

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the bread which You have broken, For the wine which You have poured,
For the words which You have spoken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that You love us, By Your gift of peace restored,
By Your call to heaven above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore You Seated at the heavenly board,
May the church still waiting for You Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In Your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which You send us Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924; alt.

Tune: CROSS OF JESUS; John Stainer, 1887