

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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The Fifth Saturday in Lent + Year C

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❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song

God's Work, Our Hands

God's work, our hands: working together,
Building a future, repairing the world,
Raising up homes, planting new gardens,
Feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
Following Jesus to places unknown,
Walking as friends, marching for freedom,
Running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
Sharing the good news of your gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together,
Praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
Praying for peace, shouting for justice,
Claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Sharing the good news of your gospel.

God is at work in and around us:
Seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
Gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
Sharing the good news of your gospel.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.
- C Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

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Sharing the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- L Let us pray. [*Silence for reflection*]
Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

Children come forward as we sing "This Little Light of Mine".

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down; they cannot rise;
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 126

- ¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
 then were we like those who dream.
² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with shouts of joy.**
 Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done
great things for them."
³ The Lord has done great things for us,
 and we are glad indeed.
⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O Lord,**

like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵ Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

L A reading from Philipians.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: John 12:1-8

P The holy gospel according to Saint John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day

Down at the Cross

Down at the cross where my Savior died,
down where for cleansing from sin I cried;
There to my heart was the blood applied:
Glory to his name.

Refrain:

Glory to his name, glory to his name!
There to my heart was the blood: applied: Glory to his name.

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where he took me in:
Glory to his name. (*Refrain*)

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean:
Glory to his name. *(Refrain)*

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet;
Cast your poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete:
Glory to his name. *(Refrain)*

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 of the People

P Beloved, let us lift prayers to our friend, Jesus, either out loud or
in silence. Before and after we pray, we sing together.

Prayer Song *Creator of the Stars of Night* ELW245, verse 1

Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call. Amen.

The prayers conclude with:

- P** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** Amen.

The Prayer Song is repeated at the conclusion of our prayers.

***Creator of the Stars of Night* ELW245, verse 3**

At your great name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord,
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord. Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

Sharing Our Gifts

- L** Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!

Offertory ***Creator of the Stars of Night* ELW245, verse 5**

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally. Amen.

Offering Prayer

- L** Let us pray together.
- C** God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dialogue

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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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.

Sharing Holy Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body. If you
wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand
or kneel around the altar.*

Communion Hymn

Gracefully Broken

Take all I have in these hands
And multiply, God, all that I am
And find my heart on the altar again.
Set me on fire. Set me on fire.

Refrain:

Here I am, God, arms wide open,
Pouring out my life, gracefully broken.

My heart stands in awe of Your name.
Your mighty love stands strong to the end.
You will fulfill Your purpose for me.
You won't forsake me.
You will be with me.

(Refrain 2x)

All to Jesus now, all to Jesus now.
Holding nothing back, holding nothing back.
I surrender, I surrender, I surrender, I surrender.

(Refrain)

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Blessing

L God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song

Guide My Feet

Leader: Guide my feet

All: While I run this race.

Guide my feet while I run this race.

Guide my feet while I run this race.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Leader: Hold my hand

All: While I run this race.

Hold my hand while I run this race.

Hold my hand while I run this race.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Leader: Stand by me

All: While I run this race.

Stand by me while I run this race.

Stand by me while I run this race.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Leader: I'm your child

All: While I run this race.

I'm your child while I run this race.

I'm your child while I run this race.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Leader Search my heart

All: While I run this race.

Search my heart while I run this race.

Search my heart while I run this race.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God.

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Thanksgiving at the Table: *With One Voice*