

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

April 6, 2025 10:30 AM



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**GREETING**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may comment briefly on the service, then leads the assembly in mutual confession and prayer for God's forgiveness.*

**THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

Let us confess our sins and ask God's mercy for one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen

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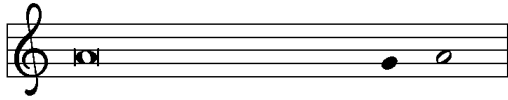
**THE GATHERING HYMN   *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*   ELW 803**

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| 1   When I survey the wondrous cross<br>on which the prince of glory died,<br>my richest gain I count but loss<br>and pour contempt on all my pride.             | down. Did e'er such love and<br>sorrow meet,<br>or thorns compose so rich a<br>crown?  |
| 2   Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast<br>save in the death of Christ, my<br>God; all the vain things that charm<br>me most, I sacrifice them to his<br>blood. | 4   Were the whole realm of nature<br>mine, that were a present far too<br>small; love so amazing, so divine,<br>demands my soul, my life, my all. |

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

**THE KYRIE**

- 3   See, from his head, his hands, his  
     feet, sorrow and love flow mingled



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



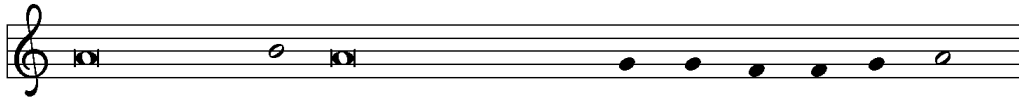
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



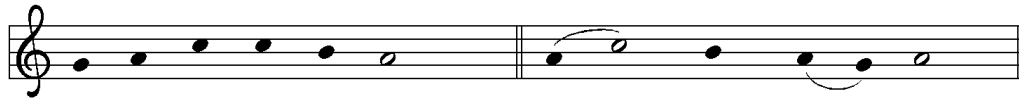
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*Children come forward as we sing:*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord,

who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down; they cannot rise;

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 126

- <sup>1</sup> When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> **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.”**
- <sup>3</sup> The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.
- <sup>4</sup> **Restore our fortunes, O Lord,**  
**like the watercourses of the Negeb.**
- <sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.
- <sup>6</sup> **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,**  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Second Philippians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> 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; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> 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 <sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands.*

1 *Canon*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa-cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2



Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

3



Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

## GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (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.)

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ELW 338

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and burdens of the day.

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| 2 Upon the cross of Jesus,<br>my eye at times can see<br>the very dying form of one<br>who suffered there for me.<br>And from my contrite heart, with tears,<br>two wonders I confess:<br>the wonder of his glorious love<br>and my unworthiness. | 3 I take, O cross, your shadow<br>for my abiding place;<br>I ask no other sunshine than<br>the sunshine of his face;<br>content to let the world go by,<br>to know no gain nor loss,<br>my sinful self my only shame,<br>my glory all, the cross. |
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Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869

## **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**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Strengthen Elizabeth and Phyllis our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Father of mercies,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide Donald our president; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another, and seek the common good. Father of mercies,

**Hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Father of mercies,

**Hear our prayer..**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [*including names*]; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. Father of mercies,

**Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ [*including names*]; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Father of mercies,

**Hear our prayer.**

Help your servants, O blessed Trinity, and turn our hearts always back to you.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love.

*An offering is received for the work of the church.*

## OFFERTORY SONG

ELW 186

*We rise to sing*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead the following prayer.*

Let us pray together.

**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 AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

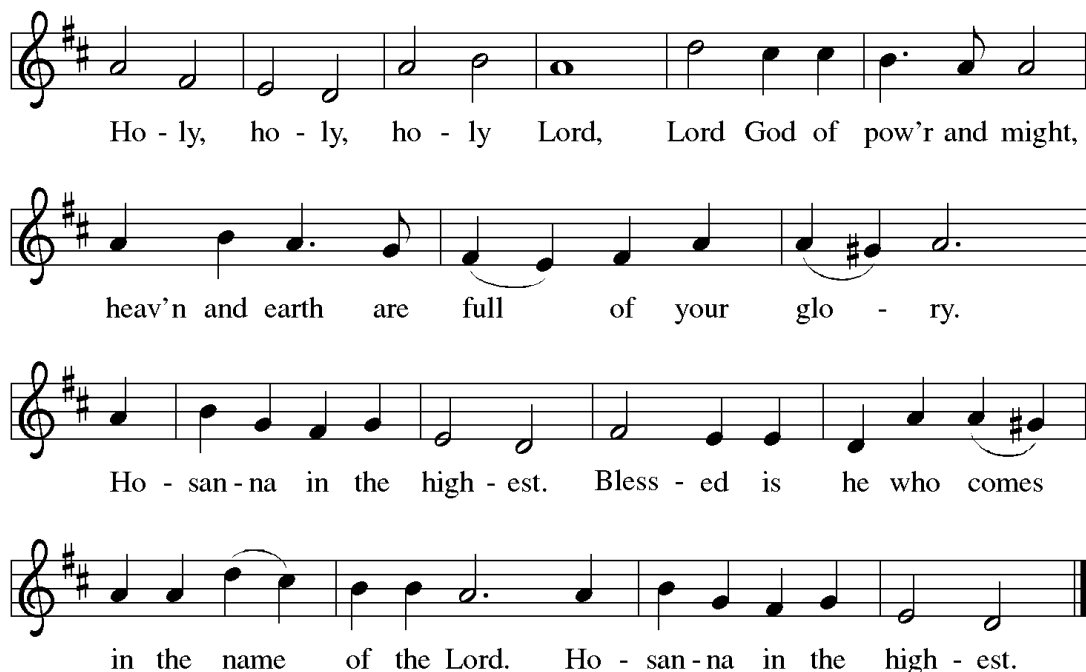
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister offers a sacrifice of praise and thanks.*

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.

**Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

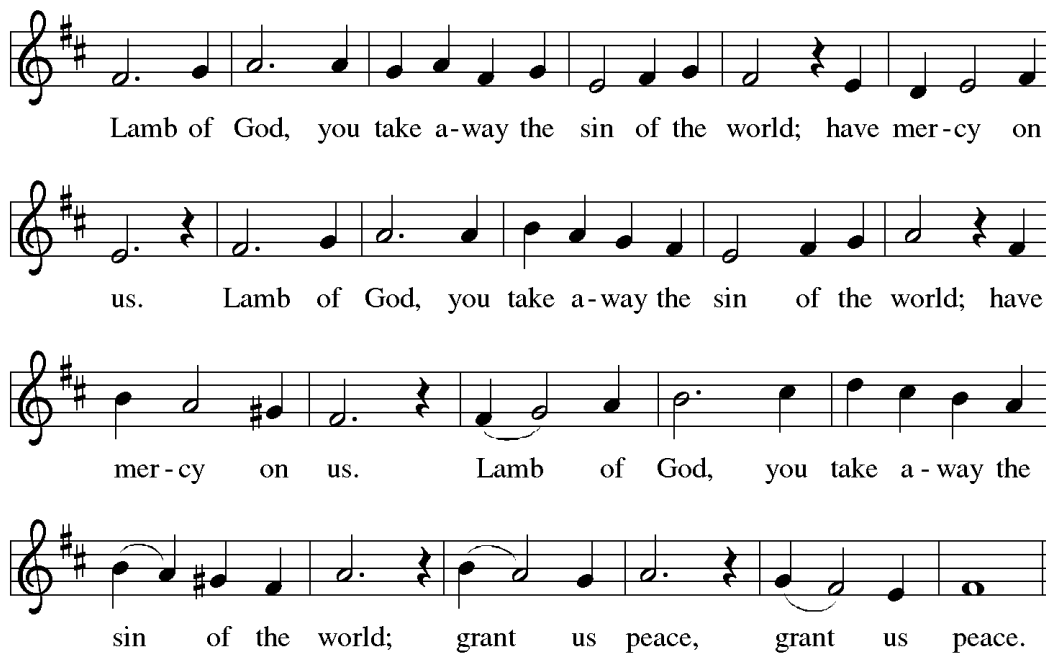
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in the words of Matthew 4:4.*

One does not live by bread alone,  
**but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*We believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are invited to his table. To learn about baptism, speak to a pastor.*

*You may eat the bread and drink from the cup, or dip the bread into the cup and receive both elements together. If you prefer to receive Communion in your pew, notify an usher.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads the following prayer after communion.*

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.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SENDING SONG

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

*ELW 337*

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|---|---|---|
| 1 | Alas! And did my Savior bleed,<br>and did my sov'reign die?<br>Would he devote that sacred head<br>for sinners such as I? | God, the mighty maker, died for<br>his own creatures' sin.  |
| 2 | Was it for sins that I had done<br>he groaned upon the tree?<br>Amazing pity, grace unknown,<br>and love beyond degree!   | 4 Thus might I hide my blushing<br>face while his dear cross appears,<br>dissolve my heart in thankfulness,<br>and melt my eyes to tears. |
| 3 | Well might the sun in darkness<br>hide and shut its glories in when   | 5 But tears of grief cannot repay<br>the debt of love I owe;<br>here, Lord, I give myself away:<br>'tis all that I can do.                |

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

### DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God.**

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