5TH SUNDAY IN LENT-APRIL 3, 2022

A MOMENT OF SABBATH REFLECTION

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

-setting, J. Bert Carlson

Helen Weiss Phelps, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION

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

Amen.

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love.

In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Amen.

*LENTEN KYRIE

"Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved"

ELW # 602



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*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I 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.
²⁰The 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,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126 (read responsively)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then 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."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

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

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

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus

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TEACHING MOMENT

***GOSPEL John 12:1-8**

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But 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.) ¹Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

HOMILY

"The Fragrance of the Gospel"

Pastor Dave Helfrich

***SONG OF THE DAY**

Jesus, the Very Thought of You Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878. Public Domain ELW # 754

Jesus, the very thought of you fills us with sweet delight; but sweeter far your face to view and rest within your light.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall a sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!

O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul, O joy of all the meek, how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!

O Jesus, be our joy today; help us to prize your love; grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home above."

*APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 INTERCESSION

MUSICAL OFFERING

""Give Me Jesus"

-arr. Robert Sterling

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> In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, Oh, and when I am alone, And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I come to die, Oh, and when I come to die, And when I come to die, give me Jesus.

> Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, You can have all this world, You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

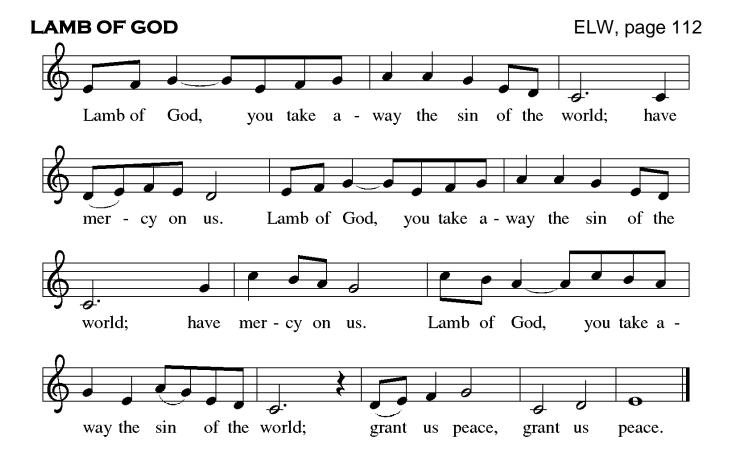
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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



HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

"Take My Life, That I May Be"
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Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love;

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose

Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only all for thee.

COMMUNION SONG

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.; Public Domain.

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die? Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree? Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree! ELW # 337

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creatures' sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears, dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

But tears of grief cannot repay the debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give myself away: 'tis all that I can do.

*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

***SENDING PRAYER**

*BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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

Amen.

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Meet Jesus on the way.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

-setting, J. Bert Carlson

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