

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024 11:00 am

### The Lord's Supper at St. Paul

*God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. It is important that every partaker must be a baptized Christian and come with repentant faith. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the sacrament, should first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of the LCMS or from congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches (AALC) are also asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.*

### As We Gather



Today's Epistle speaks of Jesus, our High Priest. High priests are called to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people as well as themselves. Jesus is a different sort of high priest who offers Himself as sacrifice, once for all, that we might be forgiven and granted eternal salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that He came not to be served, but to serve. He came to offer His life as a ransom for us. As we follow Jesus, we are called to reflect His actions and attitude of service and sacrifice. May we likewise go to serve and sacrifice for others.

### Preservice Music

### Welcome

### Hymn of Invocation: 604 "I Bind unto Myself Today"

### Invocation *(Please stand)*

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

## Confession of Sins

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Introit

*Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1*

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

**I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

**For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,  
**from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**

**Kyrie** (*Sing responses*)

*Mark 10:47*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us  
pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that  
we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus  
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31–34** *(Please be seated)*

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

This is the Word of the Lord. *(Spoken responses)*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle: Hebrews 5:1–10**

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Handbell Anthem: “The Lamb”**

### **Holy Gospel: Mark 10:32–45** *(Please stand, sing responses)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

#### **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup>saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

<sup>39</sup>And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth**

and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

**Children's Hymn of the Month "The Children Cry Hosanna"** *(Please be seated)*

The children shout, "Hosanna!"  
And the men cry out, "Hosanna!"  
And the women cry "Hosanna!"  
O King of Israel.

Blessed is He who comes in the name  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Blessed is He who comes in the name  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**And the babies cry, "Hosanna!"  
And the old men cry, "Hosanna!"  
Everybody shouts "Hosanna!"  
O King of Israel.**

## **Children's Object lesson**

**Hymn of the Day: 529 "Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus"**

**Sermon "What a Priest We have in Jesus"** (Hebrews 5:1-10)

## **Offering**

*(The offering plates are in the back of the church.)*

**Prayer of the Church** *(Please stand)*

**Preface** *(Sing responses)*

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

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 Him thanks and praise.**

**Proper Preface (Abbreviated)**

It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

### Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### Distribution of the Sacrament *(Please be seated)*

#### Visitors:

*Please read the communion statement at the beginning of this worship folder.*

### Distribution Hymn: 770 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

### Distribution Hymn: 624 “The Infant Priest Was Holy Born”

### Post-Communion Collect *(Please stand)*

### Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

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.  
**Amen.**

### Hymn to Depart: 435 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” *(Please be seated)*

### Leaving

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