

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 17, 2024 8:30 am

FOR THOSE DESIRING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.)

THINK ABOUT THIS



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.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC “Not To Us” (chorus based on Psalm 115:1)
(Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Bridge, Chorus)

**The cross before me the world behind,
No turning back, raise the banner high.
It’s not for me, it’s all for You.
Let the heavens shake and split the sky,
Let the people clap their hands and cry.
It’s not for us, it’s all for You.**

Chorus:

**Not to us, but to Your name be the glory.
Not to us, but to Your name be the glory.**

**Our hearts unfold before Your throne,
The only place for those who know.
It’s not for us, it’s all for You.
Send Your holy fire on this offering,
Let our worship burn for the world to see.
It’s not for us, it’s all for You. Chorus.**

Bridge:

**The earth is shaking, the mountains shouting,
It’s all for You.
The waves are crashing, the sun is raging, it’s all for You.
The universe spinning and singing, it’s all for You.
Your children dancing, dancing, dancing,
It’s all for You, it’s all for You. Chorus**

WELCOME

INVOCATION *(Please stand)*

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

OPENING SENTENCES

What a priest we have in Jesus!

He is our source of eternal salvation.

He sympathizes with us in our weakness.

He offers prayers and supplications for us.

He serves us and sacrifices Himself for us.

What a priest we have in Jesus!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Though Jesus is our great High Priest, we have lived as if we did not need Him, as though our sin was not dire and deadly. Despite our self-centered failures, our heavenly Father is merciful, and because of Jesus, He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence to ask for forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection)

Heavenly Father,

we have sinned against our neighbors and against You. We have sought to be served. We have demanded others sacrifice for us. Forgive us, renew us, and humble us, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world to be our great High Priest, who came to serve and offer His life as a ransom for us. Christ died and is risen for you. 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. We are forgiven. Christ has sacrificed His life for us.

SONG "Sanctuary"

(3 Verses)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You.

**What would Jesus do in a situation
Like this one that I'm in?
What would Jesus do? He'd be a servant
Living His life for you.**

**Lord please help me walk by the Spirit
With Your mercy and Your grace
Through Your guidance I'll walk the pathway
Straight and narrow to You.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You are our great High Priest. Teach us to follow Your example of service and sacrifice for others, so that more people may know of the forgiveness that can only be found in You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31–34 *(Please be seated)*

³¹“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, ³²not 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴And 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.

Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 5:1–10

¹Every 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. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So 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”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

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

⁷In 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. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Mark 10:32–45 *(Please stand)*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

³²And 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, ³³saying, “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. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

³⁵And 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." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus 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?" ³⁹And 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, ⁴⁰but 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." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And 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. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SONG "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.**

OBJECT LESSON

SONG "My Savior My God"

*(Verse, Verse, Pre-Chorus, Chorus, Verse, Pre-chorus, Chorus,
Interlude, Chorus, Chorus, Ending)*

**I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned.
I only know at His right hand
Stands One who is my Savior.**

**I take Him at His word and deed.
Christ died to save me, this I read.
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior.**

Pre-Chorus:

**That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die,
You count it strange; so once did I
Before I knew my Savior.**

Chorus

**My Savior loves, my Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me.
My God He was, my God He is. My God is always gonna be.
My Savior loves, my Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me.
My God He was, my God He is. My God is always gonna be.**

**Yes, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace from this spring
That He who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior.**

Ending:

**My Savior lives, my Savior loves, my Savior lives
My Savior loves, my Savior lives.**

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

OFFERING

PRAYERS *(Please stand)*

We turn to our great priest Jesus in prayer, who has promised to hear us and intercede for us.

For what a priest we have in Jesus,
who became our sacrifice.

Lord Jesus Christ, be present with all those who are vulnerable and in need of advocacy, especially those in abusive relationships, the homeless, the disabled, and all children. Give us courage to be advocates and intercessors for those in need just as You are an advocate and intercessor for us. For what a priest we have in Jesus,

who became our sacrifice.

Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us as we endure the temptations and assaults of the devil. Forge our shields of faith to be stronger in resistance of Satan and his fiery arrows. Forgive us when we fail. For what a priest we have in Jesus,
who became our sacrifice.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life that You have won for all who believe in You. For what a priest we have in Jesus,
who became our sacrifice.

Lord Jesus Christ, You learned obedience through suffering. Strengthen us when we face suffering to learn obedience to Your Word of truth. For what a priest we have in Jesus,
who became our sacrifice.

Lord Jesus Christ, as a priest You serve and sacrifice. Teach all people in Your church to follow Your example of service and sacrifice for the sake of others. For what a priest we have in Jesus,
who became our sacrifice.

Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. For what a priest we have in Jesus,
who became our sacrifice.

Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

(Visitors, please read the statement at the beginning of this service folder)

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

Grant us peace. (Repeat)

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG **"The Cross Has Said It All"** *(Please be seated)*

(Verse, Chorus, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus)

The cross has said it all, the cross has said it all.

I can't deny what You have shown,

The cross speaks of a God of love;

There displayed for all to see,

Jesus Christ, our only hope,

A message of the Father's heart:

"Come, my children, come on home."

Chorus:

As high as the heav'ns are above the earth,

So high is the measure of Your great love;

As far as the East is from the West,

So far have You taken our sins from us.

The cross has said it all, the cross has said it all.

I never recognized Your touch

Until I met You at the cross.

We are fallen, dust to dust

How could You do this for us?

Son of God shed precious blood;

Who can comprehend this love? Chorus

SONG "Worthy"

(Three Verses)

**Holy, You are holy
King of kings, Lord of lords
You are holy**

**Holy, You are holy
King of kings, Lord of lords
I worship You**

Worthy...

Jesus...

PRAYER OF THANKS *(Please stand)*

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. We ask that You would strengthen us as we journey toward Holy Week, trusting in Jesus, the source of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

BLESSING

SONG "Peace Be Yours" *(Please be seated)*

(4 Verses)

**Peace be yours. May the Lord be with you
As we gather now and your whole life through,
Blessing and mercy and wholeness, too.
May God's peace be yours.**

**Peace be yours as you scatter from here.
Anywhere you go, God is always near,
Loving and calming your deepest fear.
May God's peace be yours.**

**Seek your strength where the Lord does abide
When the greatest evil is at your side.
In Word and Sacrament, Christ resides.
May God's peace be yours.**

**Always know He has conquered the one
Who defies your life in God's only Son.
Yours is the struggle that Christ has won.
May God's peace be yours.**

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