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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“The Church’s One Foundation”

- ♪ The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
- ♪ Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev’ry grace endued.
- ♪ Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
- ♪ Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
- ♪ Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav’nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

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Invocation

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

Matthew 28:19b

Confession and Absolution

Salvation belongs to the LORD;
Your blessing be upon Your people!
I cried aloud to the LORD,
And He answered me from His holy hill.

Psalm 3:4, 8

A Time of Silence

Deliver us, O Lord, from all our sin, and restore us by Your promise.

We confess to You, O Lord, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and

deed, by the evils we have done and by the good we have not done. We have rejected Your Word as You have sent it to us to call us to repentance and have refused Your mercy. Deliver us from our hardness of heart. Forgive us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Restore us by Your grace, that we may walk according to Your Word and delight in You in our inmost heart. Amen.

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.

The Prayer

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 *Please Be Seated*

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶“Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

¹⁹Behold, I am doing 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 beasts 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 that they might declare my praise.

The Epistle

Philippians 3:8–14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count 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 that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But 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 upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gradual Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

♪ To God be the glory, great things He has done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
~Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

♪ O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. ~Praise...
♪ Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. ~Praise....

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Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

Luke 20:9–20

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?”

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Nicene Creed

Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

♪ Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build; With His true saints alone
The courts of heav’n are filled. On His great love
Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.
♪ Here may we gain from heav’n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv’n, Be with us evermore

Until that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away.

♪ Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.

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Proclamation of the Word

“Retro Running?”

Philippians 3:8–14

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with the following:

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Colossians 3:1

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalms 136

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth and full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:26 & Revelation 22:20

Lord's Prayer

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Christ,

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 Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

- ♪ Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To th’ unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.
- ♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed ’Tis to give than to receive.
- ♪ Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv’ n to you”?
- ♪ Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

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Dismissal

Post-Communion Canticle

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;

Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people.

A light to reveal You to the nations

And the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

Post-Communion 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.

Numbers 6:24-26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

Alternate Tune: “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

“The Tree of Life”

- ♪ The tree of life with ev’ry good In Eden’s holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat.

Yet in this garden also grew Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned Against whose eating God had warned.

- ♪ The stillness of that sacred grove Was broken, as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile And Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed Within the world so newly made.
- ♪ What mercy God showed to our race, A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed, The One to fill our greatest need-
For on a tree uplifted high His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread To crush the ancient serpent's head!
- ♪ Now from that tree of Jesus' shame Flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood The tree of life with ev'ry good.

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Postlude

Door Offering *You may place your offering in the plate at the door as you leave.*