

Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 21, 2021



A new covenant between God and his people came through Jesus Christ, who will reign as king and high priest forever. Jesus reminded his followers that to be a part of this new covenant is to be slave of all and servant of all, for the Son of Man came not to be served, but to be the one to serve others. His life, death, and resurrection are his "ransom" in exchange for the lives of his beloved children who believe.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, MUSICAL PRELUDE - MUSICIAN: KAREN HALL

HYMN "THE OLD RUGGED CROSS" (*Sung*)

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.** *Refrain*

**O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.** *Refrain*

**In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.** *Refrain*

**To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share.** *Refrain*

Refrain: **So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.**

CALL TO LENTEN DISCIPLINE (*Stand, Spoken*)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

P: For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD:

C: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. (*Jeremiah 31:33*)

P: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we are called to be the New Covenant people of God who carry in our hearts his holy Word. I bid you, therefore, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to serve God from the heart as you live in the grace of divine forgiveness. **C: With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments!** (*Psalms 119:10*)

AN ACT OF REPENTANCE

P: Hear me, O God, as I lift my soul to you. **C: Search me, O God, and bring your light to my dark places.**

P: Convict me, O God, of all that is not right in my heart. **C: Reveal yourself, O God, that my repentance may be true.**

(An extended moment of silence is kept for personal confession and pleas for renewal.)

P: Good and upright is the Lord. **C: He guides the humble in what is right.**

P: All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful. **C: The Lord forgives my sin though it is great.** (*Psalms 25:8-11*)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

KYRIE (*Sung; Tune: Go to Dark Gethsemane*)

**Gathered in your peace, we pray, for a suff'ring world this day;
In your mercy hear our prayer, save us from death and despair;
Lord of mercy and of might, by your pow'r make all things right.**

(Continued)

**Gathered in your peace, we pray, help us walk upon your way;
In your mercy hear our prayer, your great love to us now bear;
Lord of glory ever bright, guide us by your holy light.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken)*

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world.

C: Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(Sit)*

FIRST READING — JEREMIAH 31:31-34

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. ³³For 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.”

SECOND READING — HEBREWS 5:1-10

¹For 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. 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL VERSE *(Stand, Sung)*

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES – MARK 10:32-45 *(Spoken)*

P: The Holy Gospel from St. Mark chapter 10. **C: 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. ⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE *(Sit)*

HYMN "GLORY BE TO JESUS" LBW #95 *(Sung)*

**Glory be to Jesus, Who, in bitter pains,
Poured for me the life blood From his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind.**

**Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries**

**Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.**

**Lift we then our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood.**

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(Spoken)*

OFFERING HYMN *(Sung)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER *(Spoken; Romans 12:1-12)*

P: We offer our lives to you, O God, as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing in your sight.

C: Transformed by the renewing of our minds, we will practice your good, pleasing and perfect will. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and for our benefit and joy that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise to you, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. So, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *(Sung)*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

AGNUS DEI *(Sung)*

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 HOLY SACRAMENT (*Sit*)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.

C: Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION

P: 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. **C: Amen**

HYMN: "SAVIOR, AGAIN TO YOUR DEAR NAME" LBW #262 (*Sung*)

**Savior, again to your dear name we raise With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless you ere our worship cease, Then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.**

**Grant us your peace upon our homeward way; With you began, with you shall end the day;
Guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, That in this house have called upon your name.**

**Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night; For us transform its darkness into light.
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn; Your evening presence promise to your own.**

**Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life, Our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
Then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease, Call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!