



5th Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

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Rev. Tammy Bull, Pastor

Our mission: Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.

GATHERING

Gathering Music: *Foundation*

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *Restoration*

arr. John S. Dixon

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God: who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

L: Compassionate One,

C: You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Song: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

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Refrain: Kyrie... eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie... eleison, ev'ry day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
For life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)
4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)

L: We pray together the Prayer of the Day:

C: 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.

WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading of Psalm 126

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then we were like those who dream.

**C: Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
They said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**

L: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

C: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

L: Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

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

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

L: Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Response:

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Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your Word.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

Hymn of the Day: Holy Woman, Graceful Giver

ACS #1002

1. Holy woman, graceful giver, prophet, servant, and believer,
Mary with the ointment jar,
Sought the Christ, by scorn undaunted, knelt in love, his feet anointed,
For his coming burial hour, for his coming burial hour.

2. How the fragrance filled the dwelling! How the act of beauty welling
blest all those within the place!
How the act of pure devotion, whisp'ring of his coming passion,
blest the heart of Christ with grace, blest the heart of Christ with grace!
3. Lovingly Christ stilled the scoffer who would grasping guard the coffer,
pointing to a hidden trove:
Not all treasures gain and profit; feed the poor, and feed the spirit
acts of beauty, acts of love; acts of beauty, acts of love.
4. Though disdained or though contested, acts of love are never wasted;
beauty is a face of God.
Graceful Mary, by your giving, you have shown a way of living:
acts of beauty, love, and good; acts of beauty, love, and good.

Apostles' Creed

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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 the People (petitions end "Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**")

Sharing the Peace of Christ

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering: (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy. In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We do this, in part, through our local partnerships with the Helping Hands food ministry, and Family Promise of Great Falls. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayers to this work! If you are our guest today - either in person or online - we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory: *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

arr. David Lasky

Offering Response: Spirit, Open My Heart (refrain only)

ACS #1043

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymn during Communion: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW #488

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
"Come, and leave your loved one never; Dwell within my heart forever."
3. Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.
4. Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us, unite us, and keep us in his grace. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us all pray... **C: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Song: Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #685

1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. 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.
3. Take my voice and let me sing... always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
Taky myself, land I will be ever, only, all for thee.

L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *Marosa (Brother James's Air)*

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Accompanist: James Rickley

Cantor: Gaynell Tempel

Acolyte:

Reader: Allan Tooley

Communion Asst: Allan Tooley

Fellowship: Stroms

Altar Care: Vicki Morgan & Victoria Bull



ANNOUNCEMENTS for the Week of April 6:

- Mon. 4/7 1st Monday Quilters meet from 6-8 pm in the Social Hall
- Wed. 4/9: Last week for Lent Soup Supper and worship. Soup at 6 pm;
worship from 6:30 – 7:15 pm in the Social Hall.
GF Community Jazz Band rehearsal in the Sanctuary – 7:30 pm.
- Thu. 4/10: GF Community Band rehearses 7 pm in the Fireside Room
- Sat. 4/12: GF Community Jazz Band concert – 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Keeping in Prayer... Pat; Bruce & family; Larry; Jeff & family; Tommi; Pam; Christina; Mari; Beth; Connor; Kameron & family; Carol; Bud & Linda; Susan; Jane; Barbara & Jerry; Sumner; Sue; Dee; Triston; MaryAnn; Carl & Harley; Ann; Arvin; Beth; Arnie; Peggy & Larry; Sandy; Dorothy; Toni; Scott; Haley; Esther; Reta; Elaine.

April Special Offering: Great Falls Children's Receiving Home

32nd St. from 5th Ave. S. to Central Ave. will remain closed through April 30.

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