



Christ Lutheran Church

March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

You Alone Can Rescue- by Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin (4:40)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UracNSSIfTo>

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PM Lord Jesus Christ, we pray to you
because you were tempted like us
and yet did not submit.
You have promised to come to the help of those who
are put to the test.
We confess that we are tempted
by what divides us from you
and so we pray...

We call on you to help us
**When we are tempted to exploit our abilities only for personal gain,
and when we let the gifts meant to illumine the world
lie dormant and unused.**

We call on you to help us
**When we are tempted to doubt your love for us
when we rely on the words of others
instead of relying on your word.**

We call on you to help us
**When we are tempted to ignore the needs of our
brothers and sisters because we are too
absorbed in our own needs.**

We call on you to help us
**When we are tempted to let our anxiety and worries
about tomorrow interrupt our living today.**

Jesus Christ is with us now and walks through
the wilderness with us every day.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ died for us and by his command,
I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins.
AMEN.

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself,
and in mercy you receive our prayers.
Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
that through life and death we may live
in 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

Psalm 51:1-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment. R**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. R**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. R**

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor June Wilkins

Seed That in Earth is Dying- ELW #330 (1:47)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brLbjDGce_4

APOSTLES' CREED

AM With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION

MEAL

Acappella "Create in Me"- The Acappella Company (3:14)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=noUeQQ64Q1I>

OFFERING PRAYER

AM Faithful God,
you walk beside us in desert places,
and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven.
Accompany us in this meal,
that we may pass over from death to life
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PM 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 our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

+LORD'S PRAYER

PM Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PM To all who have been in the wilderness.
Come and find shelter in the mercy of God.

As we join with the family of all believers in celebrating Holy Communion, we believe that Christ is present in this meal, and when we receive it, we receive God's grace, abundant love, and forgiveness.

TABLE BLESSING

PM The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and reveal to you God's grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people
into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

PM You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

Great God Who Saves- by Laura Story (4:02)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8ehcEtOKcw>

DISMISSAL

AM Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.