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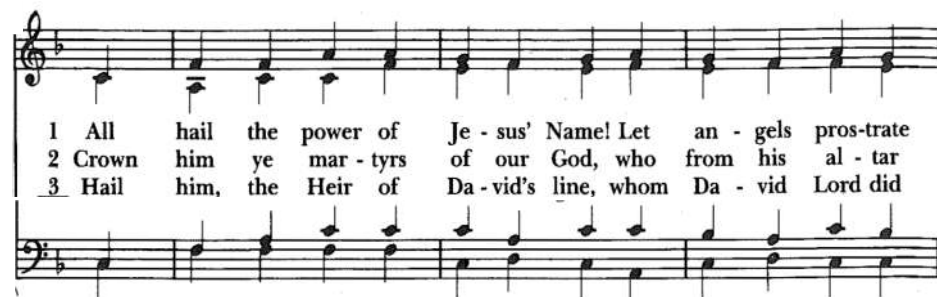
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to the Church of the Holy Comforter

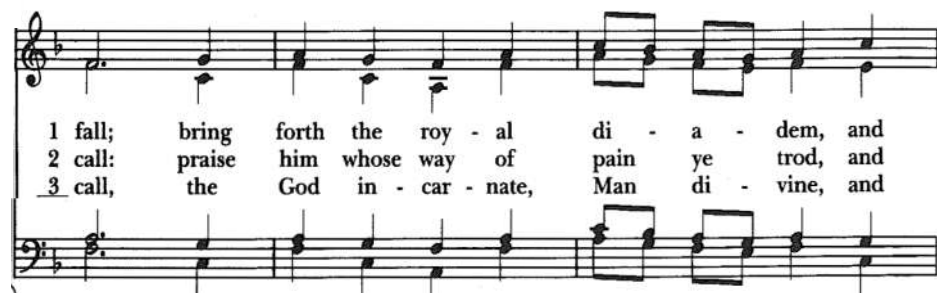
Welcome! We're glad you're here. Parents: The nurseries for infants and toddlers are located on the lower level.

At the Procession

All hail the power of Jesus' name



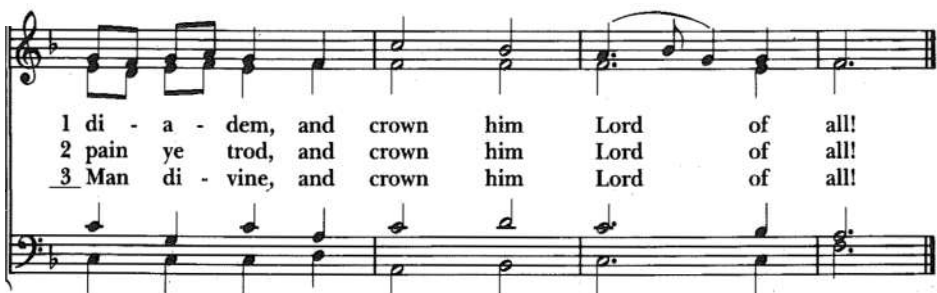
1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate
 2 Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did



1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and



1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,



1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!

Vords: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.

Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)

Standing

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures forever.*

The Decalogue

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

Celebrant: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant and People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.
People: *Christ have mercy.*
Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affection of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Introduction to the Lesson

Ezekiel proclaims a message of hope, telling those who have been exiled or living with hardship that they will be fully restored by the Lord's Spirit.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel:

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the

valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 130

*The Psalm will be said responsively by whole verse,
alternating each verse with the Lector who reads first*

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8: 6-11

Introduction to the Lesson

The apostle Paul explains the difference between what he calls living in the Spirit and living according to the flesh. Christians are in the Spirit, and the Spirit fills and motivates our lifestyle.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:


To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Stand for the Gospel Hymn and the reading of the Gospel. Sing verses 1-2 before the gospel and verse 3 after the gospel.

Gospel Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - ledge to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in Prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 3. Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Introduction to the Lesson

Just as Lazarus is called forth by Jesus from the darkness of the tomb, we as Christ's followers are called to go forward from darkness to light.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her,

“Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord, Christ.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the People

Lector: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We especially give thanks for — *(intercessions added here)*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially — *(intercessions added here)*

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, especially — (*intercessions added here*)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

Offertory Hymn

Abide with me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com-forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

An Acclamation of Thanksgiving for God's Gifts

Celebrant: All things come from you O Lord

People: *And of your own have we given you.*

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

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

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus:



Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Amen

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: This is the table not of the Church but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often and you who have not been here long. You who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who desire Jesus should meet him here at this table.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving communion: All are welcome at God's table. We are offering both bread and wine. If you would like to receive the wine by common cup, go to the right. If you would like to receive by intinction, go to the left.

Gluten Free Communion Bread: If you have a dietary restrictions and need gluten free communion bread, just ask the server for gluten free bread when you come to receive.

Prayer Team: If you would like a member of the Prayer Team to pray with you for any need in body, mind, or spirit, go to the back of the church after receiving communion and members of the Prayer Team will pray with you. The Congregation is invited to sing the following during communion.

Communion

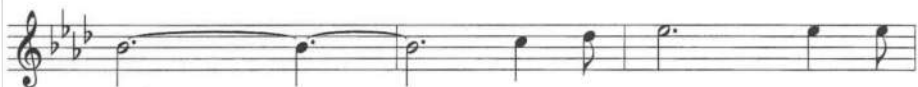
Precious Lord, take my hand



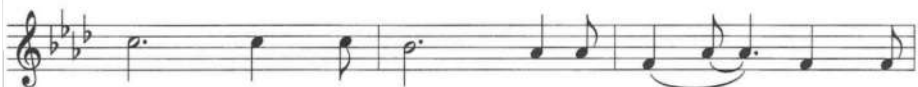
1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am
 near, When my life is al - most
 near, And the day is past and



worn.
 gone,
 gone,
 Through the storm, through the
 Hear my cry, hear my
 At the riv - er I



night, Lead me on to the light, Take my
 call, Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my
 stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my



hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
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Communion

You are my all in all

1. You are my strength when I am weak, You are the trea - sure that I
2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your

seek; You are my all in all. Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
name; You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me

jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your name!

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The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: *Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.*

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing and the Dismissal

Celebrant: Always remember how short life is and how little time we have to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*

(The dismissal is said after the closing hymn. Children are invited to join the clergy at the front of the church to help with the dismissal.)

Priest: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Recessional Hymn

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

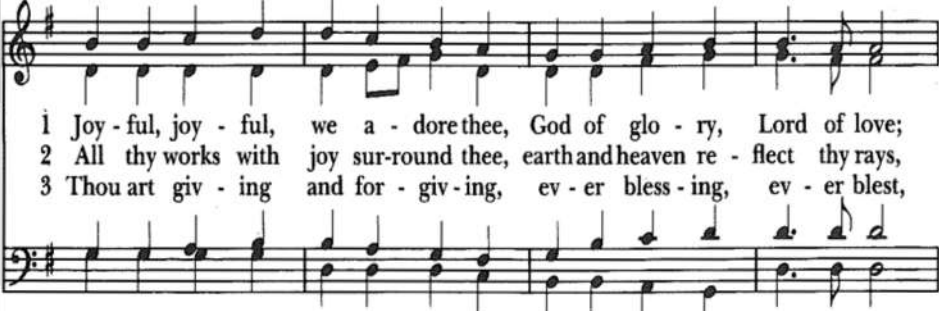
The Mission of Holy Comforter

Love God, Love Others

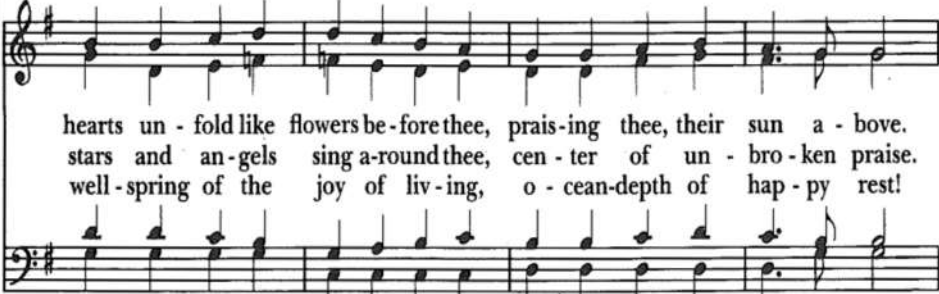
Serve God, Serve Others

Recessional Hymn

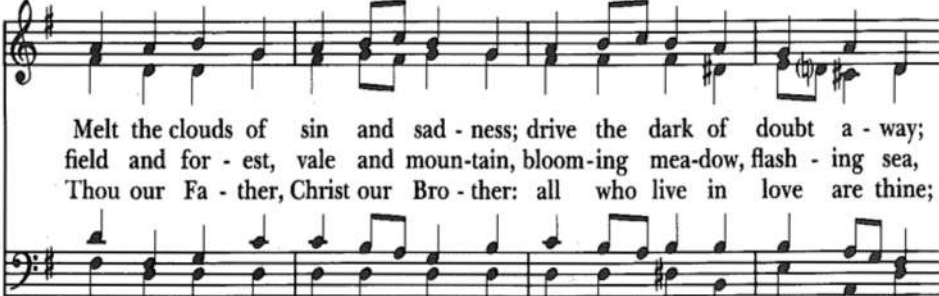
Joyful, joyful we adore thee




1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Welcome to Holy Comforter—We're Glad You're Here!

To our guests—*we are so glad that you are here!* Our first joy is to welcome our guests and newcomers. And our prayer is that we may become a spiritual home for you. An usher can assist you with any questions. Like to be on our mailing list? Sign our guest register.

Do you want to be part of Holy Comforter? Call the parish office (706-210-1133) and we'll be glad to help you. *Also, please make sure that we have your e-mail address to receive our weekly E-News.*

Lenten Speaker Series

Our Lenten Speaker Series concludes this Thursday, March 30th. All are invited to watch and discuss the award winning Oscar nominated short film, *Stranger at the Gate*. We meet in the Parish Hall from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Sign up in the foyer to bring a dish.

Holy Week

April 2nd, Palm Sunday: Blessing of the Palms and Procession at 10:30am. Palm Sunday marks our entrance with Jesus into Jerusalem and Holy Week.

April 6th, Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm with the Holy Comforter Choir. This service includes the foot washing and stripping of the altar.

April 7th, Good Friday: We meet at noon for the Stations of the Cross in the Parish Hall.

Easter

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is offered Easter Sunday, April 9th. If you or your child wishes to be baptized, call the church office at 706-210-1133.

Two Services on Easter! Worship with us at either 8:30am or 10:30am. The choir will be at both services. In between we will have a light brunch so bring something to share. Ham and Mimosas provided by the church. The Easter egg hunt follows the 10:30 service.

There will be no Christian Education classes on Easter Sunday.

The Rector's Forum

Upcoming Rector's Forum: The Rector's Forum will be held in April on April 2, 16, 23, and 30. We will read and discuss *If God is Love, Don't be a Jerk: Finding a Faith that Makes us Better Humans* by John Pavlovitz.

Kids Club 219

Join us in Kids Club on Sundays at 9:15am as we focus on the Lenten and Easter Season! We will learn about the importance of the Lenten season, leading up to Holy Week and Easter. We meet in the downstairs classroom.

Sunday Morning Lenten Discussion

Our final meeting is next Sunday, April 2nd at 9:15am. We meet in the downstairs classroom. Questions? Contact Laura Schmick at lcgarne@gmail.com.

The Men's Group

The Holy Comforter Men's Group meets Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00pm at Pizza Central, 526 N Belair Road in Evans. Hope to see you there!

The Book Club

The Book Club meets Wednesday, April 12th at 10am in the Parish Hall to discuss *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. This novel tells the story of 3 women whose lives are bound together in 19th century Australia and the hardships they weather together as they fight for redemption and freedom in a new society. All are welcome.

Laundry Love

The Laundry Love Outreach Ministry is looking for volunteers on Wednesday, April 19th from 2:45-5:00pm at the Peanuts Laundromat located at 1931 Walton Way in Augusta. For more information, contact Pam Vanscoy at pvenscoy@comcast.net.

February Financial Report

Actual Revenue as of February 28, 2023	\$49,207.91
Actual Expenses as of February 28, 2023	<u>\$49,016.00</u>
Surplus/Deficit as of February 28, 2023	\$191.91

Notes:

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Prayers of the People

Persons remain on the list for two weeks; those with chronic needs continue to be prayed for by our Prayer Chain. You may add prayer requests at the lectern in the foyer.

For those in need of healing: Wendell Dodson, Katie, Bill Jakob, The Rev. Joe Bowden, The Rev. Vince O'Neill, and April Deer

For those celebrating birthdays: Paulie Kane, Lara Fort, Shannon Recupero, and Crawford Brown

Thanksgiving for our partnership with Martinez Elementary School, The Claiborne, Kairos Prison Ministry, and Boy Scout Troop 10.

For those who are homebound: Loren Waldo

For the safety of all those who serve abroad.

Missions and Prayer

Prayer Shawl Ministries: Make them at home or come to church on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30am to make shawls which are given to anyone with a prayer need.

Food Bank: Please place non-perishable items in the red wagon by the front door. The food collected goes to Columbia County Cares. Our goal each month is to give away 500 pounds of food!

The Master's Table: They need *travel size* shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, white cotton socks for men/women etc. All items must be *new* and *unopened*. Also needed are plastic, not styro-foam take-out containers for food. Place items in the red bucket under the kitchen sink.

Serving Today

Preacher/Celebrant
Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Acolytes
Reader
Altar Guild
Altar Bread
Prayer Team
Pre-Service Greeters
Ushers
Vestry Person of the Day

The Rev. Glenn A. Palmer
Pam Vanscoy and Carole Nelson
Jack and Emma Morris
Barry Paschal
Linda Bargerion
Brooke Belair
Glenn Fulghum and Judy Smith
Julie Blake
The Shepherd's
Heather Doughtie

Staff

The Rev. Glenn A. Palmer, Priest in Charge, 803-319-5296
Vivian Vaiden, Church Administrator
Lara Fort, Financial Secretary
Dr. Brad Green, Music Director

Vestry

Tab Carter, Sr. Warden, Pam Vanscoy, Jr. Warden (Class of 2024)
Jenny Quebedeaux, Barry Paschal (Class of 2025)
Heather Doughtie, Keith Milburn (Class of 2026)

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