FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



APRIL 3, 2022
11:00 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Come to me,
O servant Lord,
pour water in your bowl,
and wash my feet.
I am bold to ask this
because of my longing
for fellowship with you.
Wash my feet, then,
and be my companion.

based on a prayer of Origen, c.185-254

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Steven Phillips

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - SURE Bob Kirkpatrick

PRELUDE *Rustle of Spring* (Tom Andrews, piano) Christian Sinding

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 126 Carrie Mills

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

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

***HYMN 645** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* Mit Freuden zart

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

2. What God's almighty power has made
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

3. The Lord is never far away,
But, through all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing,
As with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

4. Thus, all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;
Both soul and body, take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Margaret LaMotte Torrence

**Life-giving God,
We are quick to protect our hearts,
to guard our reputations,
to make safe choices.
We measure our offerings with such careful hands
—as though fear ruled our lives.**

**You came among us to offer another way.
Come to us now.
Write your will upon our hearts,
until we find our life by giving it away.**

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Those who are able will please stand.*
Thank you for silencing your cell phone.

*** SONG OF JOY 641 (v. 5)**

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Allelluia!

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING John 12:1-8

ANTHEM *There is a Balm in Gilead* Spiritual, arr. Helvey

Refrain:
There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again***. (Refrain)***

2. If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus
And say he died for all***. (Refrain)***

SERMON *Love's Extravagance* Margaret LaMotte Torrence

HYMN 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* The Servant Song

1. Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey;
We're together on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

6. Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From A Declaration of Faith (PCUS, 1977)
Carrie Mills

Jesus lived a truly human life.
Jesus was what we are.
He grew up in a family and a society
troubled by the common problems of the world.
His knowledge was limited
by his time and place in history.
He felt deeply the joy of friendship
and the hurt of being rejected.

Jesus prayed,
struggled with temptation,
knew anger,
and was subject to suffering and death. ***(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)***

He was like us in every way except sin.
Jesus was what we should be.
He served his Father with complete trust
and unwavering obedience.
He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.

In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,
Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him
from loving God with his whole being
and his neighbor as himself.
We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.
He exposes our failure to live as he lived.
He demonstrates the new humanity
God promises to give us through him.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 God thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy One,
In beginnings beyond our remembering…

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Breath of Life,
be known to us in the breaking of this bread,
spill again your life into this cup.
Fill your people,
until we breathe as one, saying:

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 debts
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE (533)

1. In the singing, in the silence,
In the hands expectant, open,
In the blessing, in the breaking,
In the Presence at this table

2. Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the bread of peace.

3. In the question, in the answer,
In the moment of acceptance,
In the heart's cry, in the healing,

4. Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the wine of grace:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
Be the bread of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

God of all compassion,
You have fed us with the love of your son.
You have bound us to each other.
Now teach us to live as he lived,
Serving the world in your name. Amen.

***HYMN 516** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* KIngdom

1. For the bread which you have broken,
For the wine which you have poured,
For the words which you have spoken,
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.

2. By this promise that you love us,
By your gift of peace restored,
By your call to heaven above us,
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

3. With the saints who now adore you
Seated at the heavenly board,
May the church still waiting for you
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

4. In your service, Lord, defend us;
In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which you send us
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.

***BENEDICTION** Margaret LaMotte Torrence

POSTLUDE Fanfare for Organ Ronald Arnatt

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