



**March 21, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

**The Prelude**      *Lift High the Cross: An Organ Partita on CRUCIFER*      William H. Bates  
IV. The Cross

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### **The Greeting**

Leader: When our hearts are wintry,  
grieving, or in pain,

All: **Jesus' touch can call us  
back to life again.**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus,  
and fill your people with life.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus,  
come.**

### **The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Holy God,  
by the cross and resurrection of Jesus,  
you lift the suffering world  
toward hope and transformation  
and open the way to eternal salvation.**

**As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ,  
may your law of love be written on our hearts  
as Christ draws all people to himself  
revealing your love for the world. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 2050**

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

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1. Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

2. Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.
3. Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flow'r, until I know.

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### **The Scripture Lesson**

John 12:20-36

### **The Sermon**

*Breathe In, Breathe Out*

Rev. Drew Willson

### **The Offertory Prayer**

#### **The Offertory Solo**

*Make Me a Clean Heart, O God*

George Frederic Handel

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
O, give me the comfort of Thy help again, and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

Psalm 51: 10-12

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### **The Prayers of the People**

The Silent Prayer

The Pastoral Prayer

### **The Lord's Prayer No. 895**

**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 that 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. Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 159***Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

***Refrain***

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in unity combine. ***Refrain***
2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. ***Refrain***
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. ***Refrain***
4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! ***Refrain***

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**The Benediction****The Postlude***My Tribute*

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***We thank these persons who helped us in worship this morning.***

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Minister to Young Adults:	Rev. Drew Willson
Director of Music:	Stanley M. Baker
Pianist:	Lee Covington
Singer:	Regan Sprenkle
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# Scripture

## John 12:20-33

### Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very 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. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

### Jesus Speaks about His Death

<sup>27</sup> “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. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

<sup>34</sup> The crowd spoke up, “We have heard from the Law that the Messiah will remain forever, so how can you say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this ‘Son of Man’?”

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus told them, “You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going. <sup>36</sup> Believe in the light while you have the light, so that you may become children of light.” When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.

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