

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 29, 2020**

PRELUDE

GATHERING

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † One God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed for your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and rights spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sins is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift God's grace for you.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

#339

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| <p>1. Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our
foe, Christ, yourself for me
once giving to the darkest
depths of woes: through your
suff'ring death, and merit life
eternal I inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks
are due, dearest Jesus, unto
you.</p> <p>2. You have suffered great
affliction and have borne it
patiently, even death by
crucifixion, fully to atone for
me; for you chose to be</p> | <p>tormented that my doom
should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks
are due, dearest Jesus, unto
you.</p> <p>3. Then, for all that bought my
pardon, for the sorrows deep
and sore, for the anguish in the
garden, I will thank evermore;
thank you for the groaning
sighing, for the bleeding and
the dying, for the last
triumphant cry, praise you
evermore on high.</p> |
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GREETING

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.

KYRIE

"Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved"

#602

O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

**Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know,
by ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe;
upon your cross forsaken Son
our death is laid, and peace is won.**

O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

**Your arms extend, O Christ, to save
from sting of death and grasp of grave;
your scars before the Father
move his heart to mercy at such love.**

O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.

**O lavish Giver, come to aid
the children that your world has made.
Now make us grow and help us pray;
bring joy and comfort, come to stay.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life of Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, 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 prophesy, 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

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord,

Should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

So that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord,

My soul waits, and in his word I hope;

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning

More than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

And with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Special music provided by the Battiste Family

HOLY GOSPEL**John 11:1-45**The Holy Gospel according to John in the 11th chapter.**Glory to you O Lord.**

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.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Ann Marshall

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Precious Lord”

#773

1. **Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
2. **When my ways grow drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone, hear my cry,
hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
3. **When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

APOSTLE’S CREED

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**

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Petitions conclude: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

MEAL

***OFFERING**

***OFFERING SONG** *"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"* # 678

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| <p>1. God whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.</p> | <p>2. Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace
conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
O-pen wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.</p> |
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(spoken)*

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to prepare with joy for the pascal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS #190

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God of mercy.....your mercy and refreshment for our souls.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send us now, we pray.....and a new day of righteousness.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

With all the saints in glory.....now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

#196

**O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take away the sins of the world; Grant us your peace. A---men.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"I Am the Bread of Life"

#485

1. I am the Bread of Life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

3. "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

4. I am the resurrection. I am the life. If you believe in me, even through you die, you shall live forever."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

5. "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who have come into the World."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

TABLE BLESSING

At the conclusion: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the conclusion: Amen

SENDING

BENEDICTION

At the conclusion: Amen

SENDING SONG

"What Wonderful Love is This"

#666

1. What wonderful love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What wonderful love is this, O my soul! What wonderful love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse of my soul?

2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking

down, beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul.

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the

4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE