

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 29, 2020, 8:15 AM**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION AND OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG “Living Hope”

**How great the chasm that lay between us,
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven,
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then, through the darkness, Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.**

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Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.
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There's salvation in Your name.
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Jesus, Yours is the victory! Oh!**

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O God, You are my living hope.**

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PSALM 130 AND CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice.

People: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Pastor: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

People: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his Word I put my hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Pastor: O people of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem us from all of our sins.

Pastor: With the Psalmist, we confess our sins and place our hope in God alone:

People: Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and confess that we too have a record of sins and we cannot stand before you. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all of our hearts nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For these and all sins that plague our conscience, we ask for your pardon. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, with great confidence and assurance, I declare to you that your sins have been paid in full by the sacrifice of our Savior Jesus. You are forgiven! Live in newness of life. Witness to the saving name of Jesus in all that you say and do in this time of uncertainty and distress. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

**My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day,
Be wholly Thine!**

**May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting
heart,
My zeal inspire; As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me
spread, Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold,
sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

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EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 11:17-27, 38-45

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world..."

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SERMON “Life in the Midst of Grief and Death” John 11

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG “Your Great Name”

**Lost are saved, find their way
at the sound of Your great name.
All condemned feel no shame
at the sound of Your great name.**

**Ev’ry fear has no place
at the sound of Your great name.
The enemy, he has to leave
at the sound of Your great name.**

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,
Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up,
and all the world will praise Your great name.**

**All the weak find their strength
at the sound of Your great name.
Hungry souls receive grace
at the sound of Your great name.**

**The fatherless, they find their rest
at the sound of Your great name.
the sick are healed and the dead are raised
at the sound of Your great name.**

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us,
Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up,
and all the world will praise Your great name.
oh, Your great name.**

**Redeemer, my Healer, Lord Almighty,
my Savior, Defender, You are my King.
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my Savior, Defender, You are my King.
Jesus, the name of Jesus.**

**You are high and lifted up,
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Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up,
and all the world will praise Your great name.
oh, Your great name. Your great name.**

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Have a Joyful Lord's Day!