

## Fifth Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 21, 2021

### Prelude ELW 334 “*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*”

- 1 Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.
  
- 2 We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word;  
ev'ry person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.
  
- 3 Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.
  
- 4 God of all our fear and sorrow,  
God who lives beyond our death,  
hold us close through each tomorrow,  
love as near as ev'ry breath.

### Confession & Forgiveness Rite

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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.**

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Kyrie – Setting 5**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Taize: “*Wait for the Lord*”**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one

who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation (Setting 5)**

P: The Gospel according to St. John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: John 12:20-33**

<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.

<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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Gospel Acclamation (Setting 5)**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day ELW 340 "*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*"

- 1 A lamb goes uncomplaining forth  
to save a world of sinners.  
He bears the burden all alone,  
dies shorn of all his honors.  
He goes to slaughter, weak and faint,  
is led to die without complaint;  
his spotless life he offers.  
He bears the shame, the stripes, the wrath;  
his anguish, mockery, and death  
for us he gladly suffers.
  
- 4 Of death I am no more afraid;  
your dying is my living.  
You clothe me in your royal robes  
that you are always giving.  
Your love is dress enough for me  
to wear through all eternity  
before the throne of heaven,  
where we shall stand close by your side,  
your church, the well-appointed bride,  
when all the faithful gather.

## Apostle's Creed

A: Let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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**

A: Called to the renewal of our faith in Lent, let us offer our prayers to God.

A: In the waters of baptism, you join us to the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For the gift of forgiveness, we praise you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You send us your Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us. For all the gifts of the Spirit, we thank you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You nourish us with your word and welcome us to your table. For all the ways you care for us, we praise you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You call us to tell others about Jesus. For willingness to show Jesus by what we say and do, we pray to you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You send us to help other people and to work for what is right. For courage to be the body of Christ, we pray to you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

A: You send your spirit of healing and strength to all who call upon you. We ask your healing for those who seek your healing presence, especially Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Betty, Bob, all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and all others we hold in our thoughts, we pray to you.

**C: Hear us, O God.**

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O Lord our God, through Jesus Christ, for your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

**C: Amen.**

## **Anthem**

*"Prayer for Peace"* by Donnalyn Grunewald

## **Eucharist Liturgy**

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread we remember our Lord's Passover

from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on the gift of bread we share. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer (sung by musicians)**

### **Communion Distribution**

*You are invited to come to the altar for Holy Communion. Places are marked where you may stand. Communion will be by the distribution of bread alone. After you have communed,*

*please return to your place in the pews. We ask that everyone observe the protocols of social distancing and wear your mask when approaching and leaving the altar.*

## **Lamb of God**

### **ELW 357 “*Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*”**

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and sinless,  
once on the cross an off'ring,  
patient, lowly, guiltless,  
forsaken in your suff'ring:  
from sin's grasp you have torn us,  
from gloom to hope have borne us.  
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus.
  
- 2 Lamb of God, pure and sinless,  
once on the cross an off'ring,  
patient, lowly, guiltless,  
forsaken in your suff'ring:  
from sin's grasp you have torn us,  
from gloom to hope have borne us.  
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus.
  
- 3 Lamb of God, pure and sinless,  
once on the cross an off'ring,  
patient, lowly, guiltless,  
forsaken in your suff'ring:  
from sin's grasp you have torn us,  
from gloom to hope have borne us.  
Your peace be with us, O Jesus. Amen.

## **Post Communion Blessing**

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn ELW 772 “*O That the Lord would Guide my Ways*”**

- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

to keep his statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!

- 2 Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.
- 3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.
- 4 Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.

## **Benediction and Dismissal**

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*'Sinfonia from Cantata No. 156: Ich Steh mit einem Fuss im Grave'* by J.S. Bach

## **Announcements**

- We invite you to join us for worship each week, either in-person or virtually. Please note that registration is required for in-person attendance. Read our safety protocols for worship and reserve your spot at [www.concordiafaith.org/worship](http://www.concordiafaith.org/worship) . All services will still be available virtually either by livestream via YouTube or recordings will be available later on our YouTube channel: Concordia Church Chicago.
- Interested in having palms for your virtual worship experience on Palm Sunday? Palms will be available for pick-up at Concordia Church on Friday, March 26th



and Saturday, March 27th. Palm fronds will be wrapped in small bundles and located outside the side door of the church. Feel free to pick up a bundle for your household.

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- Support the music ministry at Concordia Church by participating in the next virtual choir piece for Easter Sunday! We are seeking recordings for "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" which will be the jubilant opening hymn on Easter Sunday. If you feel comfortable recording on your own, you can follow the link below to listen to a recording and then record yourself singing (with video) on a separate device. Use headphones while recording so that we only hear your voice. Then send your recording to Marisa at [marisabuchheit@yahoo.com](mailto:marisabuchheit@yahoo.com). If you would like assistance with recording, Luke can help arrange a time for you to come to church to record in a COVID-safe manner. Contact Luke at [ldurocdanner@gmail.com](mailto:ldurocdanner@gmail.com) to arrange a time for recording. Check out [www.concordiafaith.org/worship](http://www.concordiafaith.org/worship) for full details!

Link to the recording:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/16BR1XtigILZ3FhBdUOoYTndBP\\_a20os3/view?usp=drivesdk](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16BR1XtigILZ3FhBdUOoYTndBP_a20os3/view?usp=drivesdk)

- Do you have pictures of past Concordia Church events? We would love for you to share them with us for use in our service slideshows. If you have any photos of Concordia Church, members engaged in church activities, or other memories from past years, please send them to Desirae in the church office at [ddiehl@concordiafaith.org](mailto:ddiehl@concordiafaith.org).
- The musicians of Concordia Church, along with some special guests, are releasing a new musical offering each Wednesday at 7pm during this season of Lent. The final release of this series will be available this Wednesday. You can find these programs - both previous and upcoming - on our YouTube Channel or on our Lenten webpage, [www.concordiafaith.org/Lent](http://www.concordiafaith.org/Lent)
- We appreciate your continued gifts to Concordia Church! Remember, you may give in three ways:
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  2. Give online at [onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give](http://onrealm.org/concordiafaith/give)
  3. Send a check via mail to the church