

Fifth Sunday in Lent 2023  
March 26, 2023  
Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: ELW #752 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Confession:

God of Lent and Easter, we are dust and ashes and so much more. You made us. We are human. We love and we mess up. We sometimes laugh at the wrong times and say the wrong things. We do the best we can and sometimes we fail. We try. Sometimes we think we are independent of you and everyone else—and yet, we know we are not. We need you. We need each other. We need your words of love and forgiveness...all. the. time. Please tell us again.

Absolution: As an ordained pastor in the church of Christ and By Christ's authority, I declare that you are forgiven for all the things you've done and left undone that have hurt others. You are forgiven. You are free....to live with love...and grow in grace. Amen.

Kyrie

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Chri-ste e-le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e-le – e-le-i-son.  
Gathered by your love, we pray for healing and hope.  
Lord, give us peace, make us one, salvation come.  
From your perfect love, bring your perfect reign to ev'ry heart, ev'ry home;  
Let love be known.  
Lord our God have mercy, Jesus Christ have mercy, Save us by your mercy Lord.

Prayer of the Day: Holy Trinity, Lent is a word for springtime. In the church, we set aside 40 days to be renewed like the earth—fully ready to be covered in new life. It is a wild time. It is a transitioning time. It is a time to blossom and rise. As we begin by understanding our biological earthiness, help us recognize what God can do in us, among us and through us. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

*(Refrain)* Praise to you, O Christ, our Savior, Word of the Father, calling us to life;  
Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

vs 1 You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;  
You are the Word who leads us into light;  
You are the Word who brings us through the desert:  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*(Refrain)*

vs 2 You are the Word who calls us to be servants;  
You are the Word whose only law is love;  
You are the Word made flesh who lives among us:  
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*(Refrain)*

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

Sermon

Hymn of Day: ELW #485 vs. 1, 4, 5 “I Am the Bread of Life”

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Music during Distribution: "Lamb of God"

Lamb of God, you take away our sin. Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away our fear. Lamb of God, you grant us peace.

Call us home when we've lost our way, adrift and alone in the world.

Lift the darkness of empty days, flooding us with light, 'til we return home.

Lamb of God, you take away our sin. Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you free us from our fear. Lamb of God, in you, our peace.

Communion Hymn: ELW #666 vs. 1-3 "What Wondrous Love is This"

Post Communion Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn: ELW #744 "Lord Be Glorified"

Postlude

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