



Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: God of all grace, be near in the brokenness, turning us from the things that keep us from wholeness with you, ourselves, and one another. Propel us toward healing as we confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and are strengthened to serve in your name.

All: Amen.

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

God of mercy,

All: you delight in goodness and judge sin. Give us open and honest hearts to recognize the ways we have turned from you, from our own belovedness, and from one another. We focus on the world's scarcity, instead of your abundance. We view others through the lens of us versus them, instead of one body in you. We participate in the brokenness, caught in webs of greed and selfishness. Quiet the strife, O God, and draw us into your forgiveness and wellbeing. Through your divine love, renew in and around us the good that you have created, that we will stand together in you, unbroken, as your beloved community. Amen

L: Children of God, in Christ, you are unbroken and unbreakable. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven, and you are made whole. At Christ's table you are fed, and nourished. In water and promise, you are brought from death to new life. By the Spirit, you are gathered, gifted, and sent to serve a fractured world and empowered to live as Christ for others. **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN: "As We Gather at Your Table"

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21 *The Lord gives water in the wilderness to the chosen people*

PSALM: Psalm 126 [read responsively]

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

³ The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵ Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14 *To know Christ and his resurrection, to share in his sufferings*

LENTEN RESPONSE

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Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8 *Mary anoints Jesus for his burial*

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

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY: **“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH: *L: God, in your mercy, C: receive our prayer.*

David Barloon

Hayden Despenas

Tim Schmidt

Liam Bartleson

Mary Ellis

Jennie Spencer

Taylor Bartleson

Matt Grieff

Joan Swanson

Joan Beebe

Doris Johnson

Lucky Truong

Jan Buffington

Mercedes

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes

Ivy Mae Callow

Jill (Lewison) Nedved

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: “O Love”

Choir

OFFERTORY: **“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” #335

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” #803

“Christ, The Life of All the Living” #339

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“Take My Life, That I May Be”** #685 vs. 1,2,3,6

BLESSING / DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

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Piano/Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

Altar Care: Colleen Schmidt

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Communion Servers: Matt Welp, Sarah Leichsenring

Song Leaders: Scott Bertelsen, Cindi Lehmann

Scripture Reader: Steve Olmstead