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## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

11 a.m. Sunday, March 21, 2021

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### *Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Three*

*Please stand when the minister approaches the center aisle.*

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are in bondage 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**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

☞ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

☞ **Amen**

## The Entrance Rite

HYMN LBW 479

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

OLIVET

APOSTOLIC 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.**

TRISAGION

*From Mass in Honor of Saint Luke*

Pedro d'Aquino

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen**

*Sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word of God

FIRST LESSON .....Jeremiah 31:31-34, RSV

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when the LORD will make a new covenant*

*with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because the LORD will write it on their hearts.*

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant which I made with their fathers when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant which 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 upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘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 I will remember their sin no more.”

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-13, LBW

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.**

<sup>5</sup>And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.**

<sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

<sup>8</sup>**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

<sup>9</sup>Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

<sup>10</sup>**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

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<sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
<sup>12</sup>**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**  
<sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND LESSON .....Hebrews 5:5-10, RSV

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the apostle explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made him the source of our eternal salvation.*

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“Thou art my Son,  
today I have begotten thee”;

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

“Thou art a priest for ever,  
after 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 him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

LENTEN VERSE

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

HOLY GOSPEL..... John 12:20-33, NRSV

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Twelfth Chapter.

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

**N**ow 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.

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### SERMON

*Following the sermon, silence for reflection.*

HYMN LBW 202      *Victim Divine, Your Grace We Claim*      DAS NEUGEBOURNE KINDELEIN

#### APOSTLES' CREED

☞ **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.**

#### INTERCESSIONS

## The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

#### THE PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ **And also with you.**

*Let us offer a sign of peace to our neighbors: "Peace be with you."*

Sit

## THE OFFERING

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**A** Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**C** **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(spoken)*

**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.**

## *Preface for Lent*

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## *Sanctus*

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

## *Eucharistic Prayer I*

**P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.



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.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**℟** Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**℟** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**☩ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**℟** Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**☩ Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**☩ 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.**

*The Fraction (The Bread is broken)*

*Agnus Dei*

- ☩ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

- ✝ If you are home during this pandemic, worshiping online with us, here is a possible “Prayer for Spiritual Communion” lifted up in a recent *Forum Letter* (May 2020). *Forum Letter* is a respected Lutheran newsletter published by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Communion Anthem

*Salvum me fac Deus* Alessandro Grandi (1590-1630)  
Peter Becker, bass-baritone

Salvum me fac Deus  
quoniam intraverunt aquae  
usque ad animam meam.  
Infixus sum in limum profundi  
et non est substantia  
veni in altitudines maris,  
et tempestas demersit me  
Laboravi clamans  
raucae factae sunt fauces  
meae defecerunt oculi mei  
dum spero in Deum meum.

Save me, O God:  
for the waters are come in  
even unto my soul.  
I stick fast in the mire of the deep,  
and there is no sure standing.  
I am come into the depth of the sea:  
and a tempest hath overwhelmed me.  
I have laboured with crying;  
my jaws are become hoarse,  
my eyes have failed,  
while I hope in my God. (*Psalm 68*)

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Silence for reflection.*



# The Sending

BENEDICTION (*Spoken*)

HYMN LBW 105      *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth*      AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON

DISMISSAL

- ▣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
  - ▣ **Thanks be to God.**
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## Parish Announcements

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- ✦ FAIRLY NEW TO PRAYER LIST: Vera Harwell (godmother of Denise Du'Maine), Raymond Chin (cousin of Priscilla O'Carroll), Marion Molno, Emma Kaefer
- ✦ IN CONTINUING NEED OF PRAYER: Melissa Alke (friend of Kathy Jolowicz), John Romano (brother-in-law to Richard and Maggie Schreiber), Robert Mallery (son-in-law of David Kiehl's sister), Wolfgang Hahn, Yoleidy Perez (Tamares's brother), Obdulia Mundo (friend of Maggie Schreiber), Mary Ann Grant (Deirdre's mother)

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HOLY COMMUNION .....	11 AM Sundays
MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION .....	6:30 PM Wednesdays
SUNDAY SCHOOL .....	Via Zoom these days
MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY .....	6:30 PM Mondays, via Zoom these days
INTERIM OFFICE MANAGER .....	Melissa Phillips
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### *Some Parish Ministry Opportunities:*

CHOIR.....Director of Music Dr. Gwendolyn Toth (212) 289-8128

**W**e extend to you a cordial welcome and hope that you will return. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Carol Fryer. If you are interested in membership here at Immanuel, please contact the church office for an appointment with Pastor Carol. Or you can email her at [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).

- ✦ HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Church's faith, who confess it with us (as in the Creeds), and who may in good conscience receive the Sacrament in keeping with the understanding with which it is celebrated here: namely, that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the consecrated bread and wine and are distributed to and received by all who commune.
- ✦ HOLY BAPTISM is celebrated and MARRIAGES solemnized only after consultation with the pastor well in advance. If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise in need of the ministry of the Church, let us know. Call the church office during the week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ✦ We mean for PRIVATE CONFESSION to be available as often as you need. Please call one of the Pastors (212-289-8128) or email them: [gpfryer@gmail.com](mailto:gpfryer@gmail.com) or [ceafryer@gmail.com](mailto:ceafryer@gmail.com).
- ✦ LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL FOR THE SICK is available. Again, simply contact Pastor Fryer.
- ✦ FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: There is a long line of Christians, both rich and poor, who have disciplined themselves to budget a portion of their income, put it into an offering envelope first thing, and give it to the church. Pastors Carol and Gregory Fryer live by that tradition and commend it to you. Online giving is also available through our website, or by following this QR code with your phone camera:

