

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

## Hymn of Invocation

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Wor-ship His ho-ly name. Sing like nev-er be-fore,

O my soul. I'll wor-ship Your ho-ly name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawn-ing.  
You're rich in love and You're slow to an-ger.  
And on that day when my strength is fail-ing,

It's time to sing Your song a-gain. What -  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For  
the end draws near and my time has come,

ev-er may pass and what ev-er lies be-fore me,  
all Your goodness I will keep on sing-ing,  
still my soul will sing your praise un-end-ing,

let me be sing-ing when the eve-ning comes. (Bless the)  
ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find. (Bless the)  
ten thou-sand years and then for ev-er-more. (Bless the)

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# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**C** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

- P** Let us confess our sin to God:  
You are the Lord and you alone! You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them, and you preserve them all.
- C** You have called us to yourself and given us a covenant. You have become our God and made us your people, and yet we have turned away from you. We have rebelled against you. You have delivered us many times according to your covenant mercies. You have warned us, and yet we have acted presumptuously. You have sent us prophets, and we have turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened our necks and would not obey your law.
- P** You are the Lord and you alone! You are our God, great and mighty. You keep covenant and steadfast love.
- C** We deplore our sins before you, and before each other. They have only gotten us into trouble. They have only enslaved us. They have not given us the happiness they promised. Deliver us from our sin and the power and attraction of sin through the faithful suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ, whose intercession we plead, and in whose name we pray. Amen.
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:  
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- C** Amen.

## Reflection on God's Forgiveness

*Psalm 40:1-3*

- P** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- C** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
- P** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
- C** More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

# Service of the Word

## Psalm

*Psalm 126*

- P** When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.  
**C** Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."  
**P** The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.  
**C** Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!  
**P** Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!  
**C** He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.  
**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

- <sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>"Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise."

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

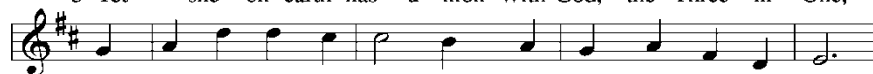
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon Hymn #644

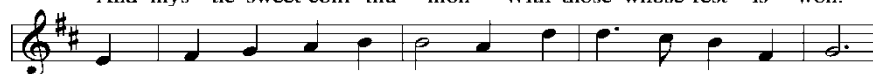
## The Church's One Foundation



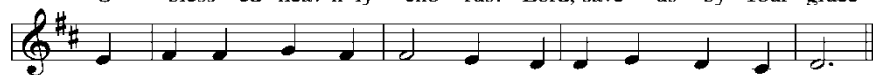
1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–76

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

<sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Credo

*To the tune St Denio (“Immortal, Invisible”)*

**Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive  
Their being and blessing, in you we believe.  
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,  
Provider and Father, our trust is in you.**

**And you, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,  
True son of the Father, by angels adored;  
Redeemer incarnate, you paid for our sins,  
And, joined in your rising, our new life begins.**

**Free Spirit of wisdom and power and love,  
On us, as on Christ, you descend from above;  
You call us, you cleanse us, you open our eyes,  
You keep us in peace, you restore paradise.**

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## Sermon

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## *Service of the Sacrament*

### Preface

- 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** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

### Sanctus

*To the tune Nicaea ("Holy, Holy, Holy")*

**"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory  
Fill your temple with their song around your golden throne;  
"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore Thee;  
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.**

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### Lord's Prayer

- C** **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 Words of Our Lord

## Agnus Dei

To the tune Olivet ("My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

Meek, slaughtered lamb of God,  
Bearing the sinners' load  
To buy our peace:  
Now risen and enthroned,  
With life and glory crowned,  
To all the lost and found  
Please grant your peace.

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## Distribution Hymn #451

## Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the c - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the

tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear, His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the

soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners

Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall

see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Volkslieder, 1850, Paderborn

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# Distribution Hymn

# Knowing You



All I once held dear, built my life up - on, all this  
Now my heart's de - sire is to know You more, to be  
Oh, to know the power of Your ris - en life, and to



world re - veres and wars to own, all I once thought gain I have  
found in You, and known as Yours, to pos - sess by faith what I  
know You in Your suf - fer - ings, to be - come like You in Your



count - ed loss; Spent and worth-less now, com - pared to this.  
could not earn: All sur - pas - sing gift of right - eous - ness. Know - ing  
death, my Lord; So with You to live, and nev - er die.



You, Je - sus, know - ing You, there is no great - er thing. You're my



all, no - thing less, You're my joy, my right-cous-ness, and I love You, Lord.


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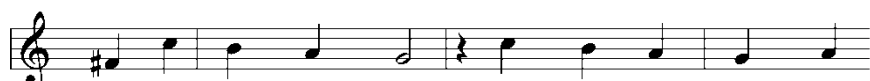


# Distribution Hymn #618

# I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's




wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.

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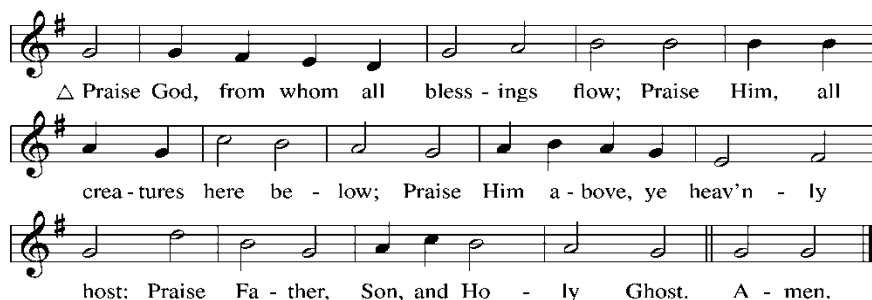
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## The Dismissal

## Closing Hymn #805

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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## Announcements

### Today

- [Bible Study](#) 10:30 AM: Adults and Children meet downstairs
- [Youth Confirmation](#) 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM
- [Sunday Evening Prayer](#) 5:30 PM
- [New Member Class](#) 6:00 PM

### Tuesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- [Youth Group](#) 6:30 – 8:00 PM

### Wednesday

- [Midweek Lent Worship Service](#) – 7:00 PM

### Saturday

- [Women of Faith Bible Study](#) 9:00 AM



[St. James Giving](#)

[St. James Member Picture Directory](#) *Please see the flyer and sign-up sheet in the narthex* for details and to sign up for your photo beginning today!

Calling all High School students! [Metro East Y4Life Club](#) is inviting you to: Human Trafficking and You: Serving the Abused at Metro East Lutheran High School, April 25 at 6:30 pm. You do not need to be a student of MEHLS to attend! Bring your friends! For more information, please contact the church office.

[Alcolytes](#): Any students 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade interested in serving as alcolytes please contact the church office or sign up in the Narthex



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