

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29th 2020

Call to Worship and Approach to God. *You are invited to light a candle.*

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

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❖ **Hymn:**

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
Praise God, my soul, for in him are your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; into his presence draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who in all things is wondrously reigning;
shields you from harm and is gently yet firmly sustaining!
Have you not seen how your hearts wishes have been
granted by God's wise ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who with blessing and power will defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
God will forever befriend you you.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

❖ **Prayer of approach** (ending with the Lord's Prayer: *say this in whichever language or version you prefer.*)
Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

❖ **Children's address**

❖ **Holy Scripture:** John 11:17

❖ **Music in worship:**

❖ **Sermon:** *Followed by pause for reflection*

Response to God's Word

❖ **Hymn:**

1. There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son,
and leaving us your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is done.*

2. Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
once for sinners slain.

Thank you, O my father...

3. When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever
In that holy place.

*Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son.
and leaving us your Spirit
'til your work on earth is done*

❖ **Prayers of Intercession**

❖ **Offering and dedication**

Please note that in the absence of an offering of money in this service you are invited to use the PayPal donation opportunity on the church's webpage.

**Gracious God,
we offer ourselves to you:
our bodies, minds, spirits and senses,
that we and all creation
might be fully alive. Amen.**

❖ **Hymn:**

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.
3. He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.
4. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
5. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.
6. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Blessing:

Go in peace to love and to serve God;
**and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us and unite us, now and always. Amen.**