

**Order of Worship
for
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On this Sunday we gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen!

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

KYRIE

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

ELW 752

PRAYER

*O God, Your Son came into the world to free us from sin and death. Breathe Your
Spirit upon us, that we be raised to a new life of loving service all our days,
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW 742

READING

Romans 8:26-39

**Paul's letter to the Romans,
chapter eight, verses twenty-six through thirty-nine.**

Paul writes:

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that He might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold His own Son but gave Him up for all of us, how will He not with Him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL

John 11:17-45

**The Gospel reading is from John,
eleven, verses seventeen through forty-five.**

John writes:

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give You whatever You ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in Me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to Him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met Him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw Him, she knelt at His feet and said to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank You for having heard Me. ⁴² I knew that You always hear Me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³ When He had said this, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in Him.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
"Translating Pain Into Love"
Rev. David Hewitt

MESSAGE
"Unbound"
Rev. David Hewitt

HYMN
"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
ELW 886

OUR CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sins together to God, our Creator and Redeemer.

Gracious Lord, we are so grateful that we are loved by You, with an unconditional love. It is in that spirit that we come to You and confess our sins. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have at times neglected Your Word. We now take a few moments to confess to You sins that particularly disturb us. [Pause.] O Lord our God, we ask for Your forgiveness, knowing, because of our faith in You, that we always have it, secure in the grace by which we are saved. Amen.

*As a called and ordained minister of Word and Sacrament and by God's authority,
I therefore declare to You the forgiveness of Your sins, in the Name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ has covered all our
sins by His atoning death on the cross; let us therefore be inspired by Christ to
do God's will by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!*

OFFERING

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help to sustain and expand all of our ministries here at King of Glory, including
those which provide direct assistance to those in our community who are in need.
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of the resources you provide to us.*

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HYMN

"We Are an Offering"

ELW 692

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

During this time, we pray for all those who need God's blessings, and praise Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

During the prayers, there will be a time of silence, when we offer our personal prayers to God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We prepare to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, by remembering the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are Yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

***For those worshipping in-house,
we invite you to come forward if you wish.
If you prefer to take communion at your seat,
you may so.***

***For those joining us online,
If you are able,
we invite you to take communion where you are,
using whatever form of bread or drink is available to you, to symbolize the body
and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.***

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

***Now, may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, keep you in His grace and
peace, now and forever. Amen!***

HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW 838

BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless you and keep you; May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you God's peace; in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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