

Grace Church in the Mountains

March 17, 2024 | 10:30 am



Fifth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME! / ¡BIENVENIDOS!

We are honored by your presence as we gather as God's people to worship in the "beauty of holiness" through our ancient liturgy, contemporary prayers, and vibrant community.

Audio aids are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Children are welcome. We have a special children's area up front. Nursery care is also available for children ages 0 – 5.

Following the service, please join us in Thatcher Hall for coffee and fellowship.

Celebrating that Christ is all and in all

by

Seeking Inviting

Belonging Serving

Reverencing God's Creation

Prelude

Irish Air

Traditional/arr. Sean Weaver

Processional Hymn | #474 When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

PENITENTIAL ORDER - stand or kneel

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

Presider: Hear the commandments of God to his people:

After each commandment, the people respond: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People:

Most merciful God

we confess that 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.

The Presider offers Absolution.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name. Amen.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

³¹ The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. ³² It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after that time, declares the LORD. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ They will no longer need to teach each other to say, "Know the LORD!" because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119: 9-16

The organ will play through the chant once, then all chant the Psalm together.



⁹ How shall a young man cleanse his · way? *
By keeping to your · words.

¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek · you; *
let me not stray from your com·mandments.

¹¹ I treasure your promise in my · heart, *
that I may not sin a·gainst you.

¹² Blessed are you, O · Lord; *
instruct me in your · statutes.

¹³ With my lips will I re·cite *
all the judgments of your · mouth.

¹⁴ I have taken greater delight in the way of your
dec·rees *
than in all manner of · riches.

¹⁵ I will meditate on your com·mandments *
and give attention to your · ways.

¹⁶ My delight is in your · statutes; *
I will not forget your · word.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews

⁵ In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him,

You are my Son.

Today I have become your Father,

⁶ as he also says in another place,

You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.

⁷ During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. ⁹ After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. ¹⁰ He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

(stand – singing before and after the Gospel)



GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁰ Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: "Sir, we want to see Jesus." ²² Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. ²⁴ I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

²⁷ "Now I am deeply troubled. What should I say? 'Father, save me from this time'? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard and said, "It's thunder." Others said, "An angel spoke to him."

³⁰ Jesus replied, "This voice wasn't for my benefit but for yours. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world's ruler will be thrown out. ³² When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me."

(³³ He said this to show how he was going to die.)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

The Rev. Joslyn Schaefer

THE NICENE CREED *(please stand)*

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
 sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(kneel or stand)

Deacon: Let us pray for the church and for the world, responding as written:

Intercessor: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Intercessor: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor: Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offering QR



OFFERTORY MUSIC

When I survey the wondrous cross

Hamburg/arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

PRESENTATION HYMN

Take, O Take Me As I Am

John Bell

(Please stand and sing as the Offering is presented.)

Ostinato Refrain

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take, O Take Me As I Am' by John Bell. It is an Ostinato Refrain, meaning the melody is repeated. The score is written for a piano accompaniment, with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.'

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer 1 from Enriching Our Worship)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues until... Therefore joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues until... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues until... Through Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,
the power and the glo - ry are yours, now and for e - ver. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



INVITATION

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

A Note About Communion: All are welcome at God's table! You may receive the bread and sip from the cup or just receive the bread, which is considered a full communion. If you wish intinction, that is the bread dipped in the wine, the clergy will be happy to do that for you. Please **do not** dip the bread yourself. If you only wish to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. Ushers will direct you forward. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please sing the hymns below as others receive communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMNAL | #439

What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

HYMNAL | #314

Humbly I adore thee

Adoro devote

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR (When scheduled)

Deacon: In the name of our parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that {N.} to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are truly one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: (stand or kneel)

Let us pray.

All: O God, you made us from the dust of the earth. Now raise us up and help us turn toward you with open hearts, beholding your glory, that by your grace we may receive everlasting life. *Amen.*

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon: Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Presider continues...

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

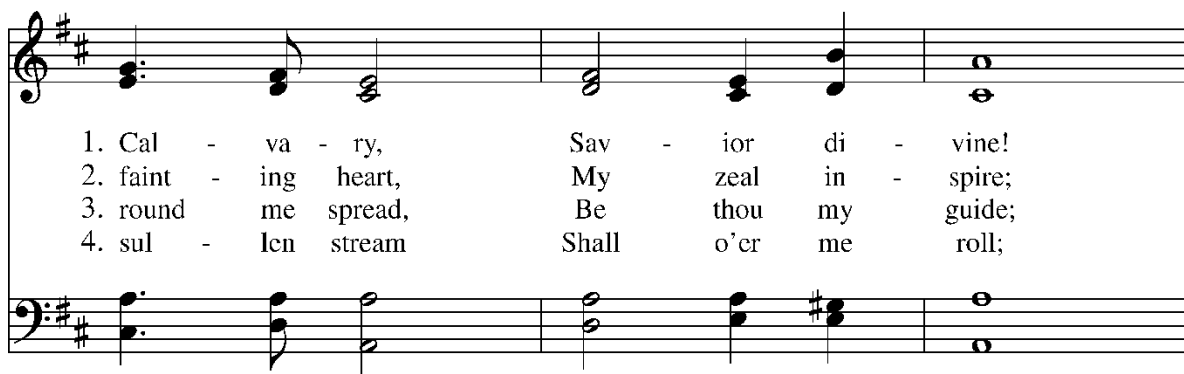
People: **Amen**

FINAL HYMN (next page)

My Faith Looks up to Thee



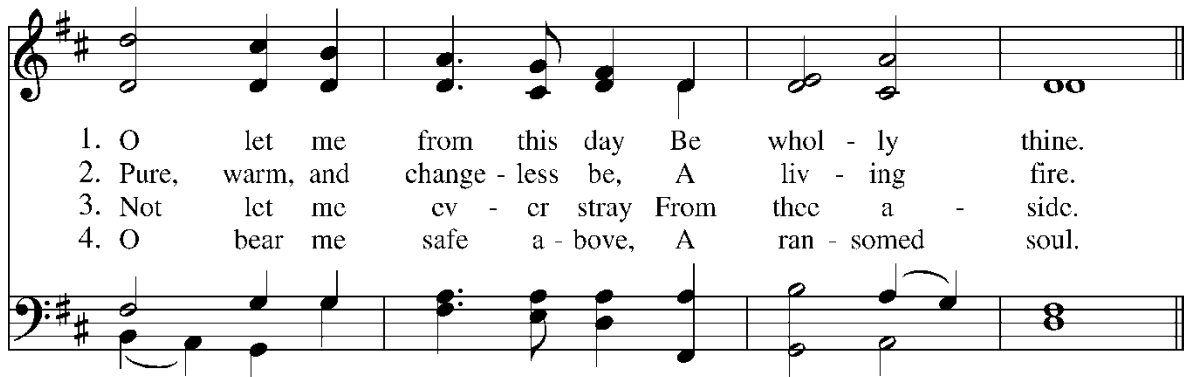
1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of
 2. May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!
 2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;
 3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;
 4. sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll;



1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;
 2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
 3. Bid dark-ness turn to - day, Wipe sor - row's tears a - way;
 4. Blest Sav - ior, then in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move,



1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
 2. Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire.
 3. Not let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 4. O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses us into the world.

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THERE WILL BE NO POSTLUDE THROUGHOUT THE LENTEN SEASON – GO FORTH FORGIVEN

JOIN US FOLLOWING THE SERVICE IN THATCHER HALL FOR COFFEE HOUR.

SERVING TODAY

Altar Guild: Melanie Walt & Georgia McManus

Counters: David Nedved & Joe Root

8:00 | Lector: Donna Buckner | EMs: Mary Beth Dorgan & Patrick Johnson

10:30 | Lectors: Tom Lasley & Betsy Stecher | EMs: Jody Hadley & Kim Kranker

Acolytes: Susannah Schaefer & Emily Claire Smith

Ushers: Daniel Atterholt, Jim Dohms, & Chas Lawrence

Eucharistic Visitor: Tom Steffel visiting Gloria Moe

Vestry Members of the Day: John Turley & Georgia Raines

Coffee Hour: Marthas Group

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of Grace:	John Culp, Betty Smith, Carl Matthews, Valerie Pratt, Carol Ploch, Paul Daniel, and our Home-Bound Members: Bill Edwards, Melissa Van Noppen, Gary Clarke, Gwen Breese, Gloria Moe, Becky Prevost, Elizabeth Weber, & Katherine Calhoun. And for Kelly McCarter and all those preparing for Holy Baptism.
Friends of Grace:	Maureen Jones, friend of Hill Champion and Donna Weaver; Nelson Phinney, cousin of Donna Culp; Blanche Sibbald & Maureen Belleza, sisters of Natalie Bayless; Laura Willis, friend of Michael Boss; Dean Corn, friend of Joyce Brooks; Joy McGratty, friend of Betty Harrison; John Greene, friend of Betty Harrison; Alison Parsons, sister-in-law of Marie Shaginaw; Sally Morgan, friend of Kathryn Church; Rhonda Kram, friend of Elise Greenberg; Hezekiah, grandson of Sue Volgas; Jamie Justice, friend of Chris Smith.
For Those Who Have Died:	Louetta "Mickie" Cantrell, mother of Donna Culp; Chad Smith, friend of Diane Reid; Jesse Bower, Susan Clarke's cousin; Kenn Caterlin, Joe Root & Natalie Bayless' brother-in-law.
In Our Cycle of Prayer:	The Church in Wales St. Joseph's Chapel and students, staff, & faculty of Christ School

HAPPENING TODAY

- Prayer Partner Meetup (Georgia Raines' Group) – ~ 11:50 in the Martha's Room
- Daughters of the King Meeting – 12:00 in the Library
- Youth Group – 5pm @ FUMC
- Clean & Green – 5pm @ FUMC
- Deadline to RSVP for Seasons of Life: Are You Aging Well? – 3/21 | 9am | FUMC Gym

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come to Dinner: One final Wednesday Evening Prayer in Lent - join us this Wednesday, 3/20 at 5:45pm for lay-led Evening Prayer, followed by a simple meal and program "Meeting God in Mark...and How to Read Scripture!"

Sunday Forum 3/24: Making Easter Flags: Our children have been learning about the events of Holy Week throughout Lent. On Palm Sunday, they are invited to come at 9:15 to make Easter Flags that we will display on Easter Sunday. As we make these, we will remember the last week of Jesus' life and look forward to resurrection life which will burst forth on Easter like a beautiful butterfly. This is for ALL AGES.

Take a Dip (Get Baptized or Renew Your Baptismal Vows): Lent is the time to review and renew your identity as a child of God! We will offer Baptismal preparation on Sundays at 9:15 during Lent and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, 3/30 at 8:00 pm.

Outdoor Clean & Restore Day: Join us on Saturday 3/23 from 9:30am – noon to help make our building and grounds clean and tidy. All ages & abilities are welcome as we have jobs requiring all levels of skill. Wear old clothes & bring your tools. We will have jobs in the kitchen, building interior, & on the grounds. Come for the entire time or stay for as long as you are able. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP with Tom Steffel: Tsteffel51@hotmail.com

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

*indicates open to all

Mon March 18	12:15 1:30	Yoga in Thatcher Hall* Environmental Action Committee Meeting - Library
Tues March 19	8:00 Noon 6:00 6:00 7:00	Lectionary Bible Study in the Library and on Zoom - link on website* Deadline for announcements* Outreach Committee Meeting – Marthas Room Vestry Meeting - Library AA Meeting - Community Room
Wed March 20	9:00 Noon 12:30 5:45 7:15	Chime Choir Rehearsal* Eucharist & Healing Service* Senior Fellowship Luncheon Evening Prayer followed by meal & program* Choir Rehearsal*
Thurs March 21	9:00 10:00 10:00 5:30	Seasons of Life: Are You Aging Well? – FUMC Gym Marthas Knitting Group* Sew Graceful Quilt Class – Community Room Overeaters Anonymous - Community Room
Fri March 22	11:00	Caregivers Support Group - Library
Sat March 23	9:30	Building & Grounds Cleanup – Outside/Inside – RSVP with Tom Steffel

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HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

PROCESSION & WORSHIP - 8 & 10:30AM

**MAKING EASTER FLAGS - 9:15AM
(ALL AGES)**



MONDAY - THURSDAY

DAILY EUCHARIST AT NOON

MAUNDY THURSDAY

**DINNER | FOOTWASHING | EUCHARIST
5:30PM**

GOOD FRIDAY

**COMMUNITY CROSS WALK - 10:45AM AT 1ST
PRESBYTERIAN
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 3PM
SOLEMN LITURGY - 5:30PM**

EASTER VIGIL

**SATURDAY - 8PM
*BEGINS AT THE FIREPIT IN BACK***

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

**8AM & 10:30AM
*BREAKFAST POTLUCK AT 9:15AM***