

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Worship Focus  
**Rethinking Devoted Commitment**

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## Order of Service for FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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The Service: Setting Two

### ✘ Gathering ✘

#### OPENING HYMN

419 – Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle, waged in blood on  
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of th'ap - point - ed  
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, he went forth from  
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, be for all the  
5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; to the Fa - ther



Cal - va - ry; o'er the cross, tri - um - phant tro - phy,  
time was come, he, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
no - blest tree; none in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
and the Son, to th'e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



tell who strug - gled val - iant - ly; tell how earth's Re -  
left for us his Fa - ther's home, blazed the path of  
did his work and met his death; like a lamb he  
none in fruit your e - qual be, sym - bol of the  
now and ev - er - more be done— praise and glo - ry



deem - er con - quered— vic - tim gain - ing vic - to - ry.  
true o - be - dience, shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
hum - bly yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.  
world's re - demp - tion, for your bur - den makes us free.  
in the high - est while the time - less a - ges run.

Stand

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

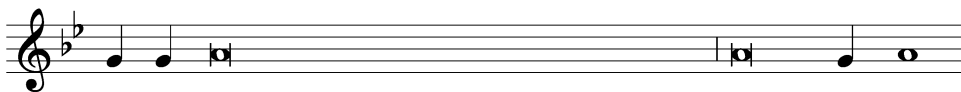
*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



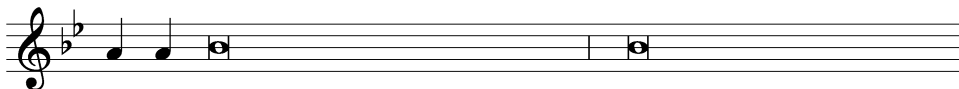
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



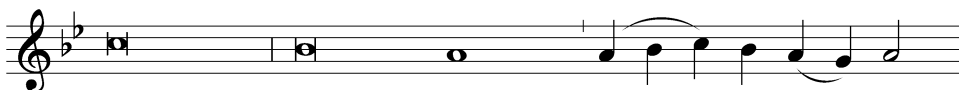
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## ✘ The Word ✘

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

*In devoted commitment the LORD promises his people that even if they need to pass through raging waters or walk through a wall of fire, he will be right there with them.*

ISIAH 43:1 But now, this is what the LORD says—  
    he who created you, Jacob,  
    he who formed you, Israel:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
    I have summoned you by name; you are mine.  
2 When you pass through the waters,  
    I will be with you;  
and when you pass through the rivers,  
    they will not sweep over you.  
When you walk through the fire,  
    you will not be burned;  
    the flames will not set you ablaze.  
3 For I am the LORD your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;  
I give Egypt for your ransom,  
    Cush and Seba in your stead.  
4 Since you are precious and honored in my sight,  
    and because I love you,  
I will give people in exchange for you,  
    nations in exchange for your life.  
5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you;  
    I will bring your children from the east  
    and gather you from the west.  
6 I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’  
    and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’  
Bring my sons from afar  
    and my daughters from the ends of the earth—  
7 everyone who is called by my name,  
    whom I created for my glory,  
    whom I formed and made.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM

Psalm 121

*The cantor will sing the refrain once, and then the congregation is invited to join in singing.*

## Refrain



I lift up my eyes to the mountains, from where shall come my  
help? My help shall come from the One who has made the  
heavens and the earth, the maker of heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—  
where does my help / come from?  
My help comes / from the LORD,  
the maker of / heaven and earth.  
He will not let your / foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not / slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over / Israel  
will neither / slumber nor sleep. **Refrain**

The LORD watches / over you—  
the LORD is your shade / at your right hand.  
The LORD will keep you / from all harm—  
he will watch / over your life;  
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going  
both now and for- / evermore.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

*Because he was truly human Jesus did not relish having to suffer for our salvation.  
Yet he submitted to the cross out of his devoted commitment to us.*

<sup>HEBREWS 5:7</sup>During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup>and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand for the reading of the Gospel*

## GOSPEL READING

John 12:20-33

*Though the thought of the cross troubled his soul,  
Jesus was committed to glorifying his Father's name by winning eternal life for us.*

<sup>JOHN 12:20</sup>Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup>Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup>Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince 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 show the kind of death he was going to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

715 – Let Me Be Yours Forever



1 Let me be yours for - ev - er, my faith - ful God and Lord;  
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, my light, my life di - vine,  
3 O gra - cious Ho - ly Spir - it, my com - fort - er and guide,



let me for - sake you nev - er nor wan - der from your Word.  
my on - ly con - so - la - tion, to you I all re - sign,  
grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver but give me stead - fast - ness, and  
for you have dear - ly bought me with blood and bit - ter pain. Let  
him to the end con - fess - ing whom I have known by faith. Give



for such grace and fa - vor your ho - ly name I'll bless.  
me, since you have sought me, e - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
me your con - stant bless - ing and grant a Chris - tian death.

### ✠ Sermon ✠

John 12:20-33

## WYSINWYG

Sermon notes:



## NICENE CREED

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

*Be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

*We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

*Offerings can be given in any of these ways:*

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



*Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*You may remain seated for prayer*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that our heavenly Father would write His Word on our hearts and lead us to know Him as the God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Synod president, our district president, our circuit pastor, our pastor, and our teachers who like all flesh are beset with weakness, that they may deal gently with us and be preserved faithful to proclaim God's Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For humility, that after the example of Christ, we would not lord authority over one another but serve each other in our homes, communities and congregation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all earthly authorities, that they may be guarded from the temptation to wield such power improperly, and be committed instead to good and faithful service, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For [                     *and*] all who walk the way of the cross among us, that as Christ learned obedience through His suffering, they also may be instructed in His ways, sustained by His blessings and, in His time, receive relief from His Fatherly hand, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who come to the holy altar, that God would prepare our hearts by His Spirit worthily to receive the body and blood of Christ, who was sacrificed for us on the cross; and that we would believe in His promise of the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

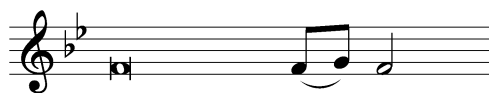




## ✠ The Sacrament ✠

### PREFACE

*Stand*



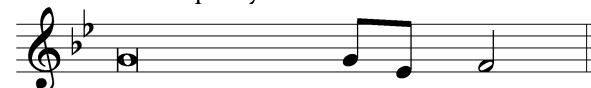
The Lord be with you.



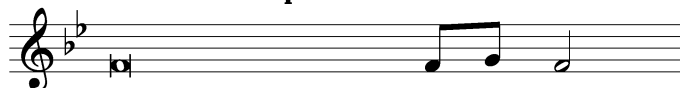
**And al - so with you.**



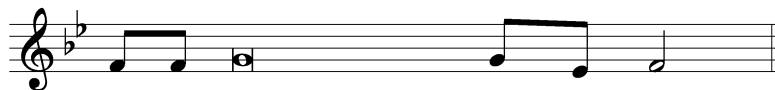
Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Santus*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est!

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\dagger$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

## JESUS, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

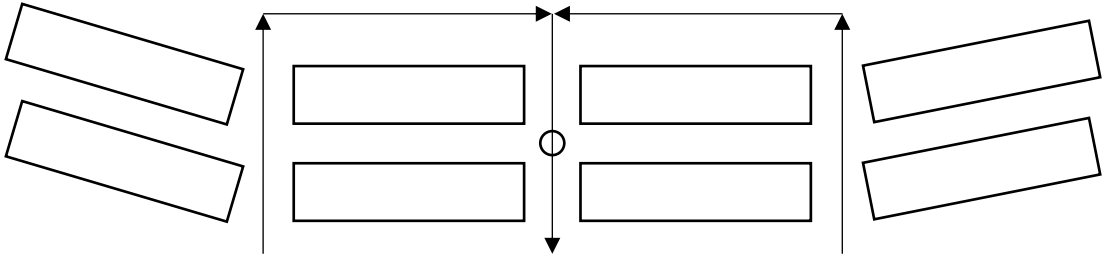
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Enter along the side aisles toward the altar area. Move toward the center (unless otherwise directed). After receiving the Supper, return to your seat down the middle aisle, depositing your cup in the receptacle.



## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

808 – Drawn to the Cross



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed with heal - ing  
 2 How well you know my griefs and fears, your grace a -  
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; let noth - ing  
 4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, to find in you my  
 bused, my mis - spent years; so now to you with  
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your  
 sweet a ser - vice be that an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.  
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

## PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.


The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**


## CLOSING HYMN

900 – Lift High the Cross


*Refrain*



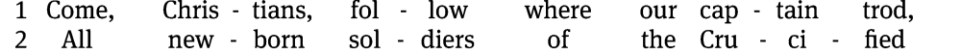
Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim till



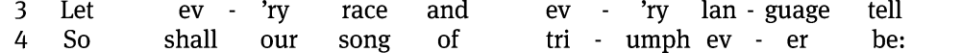
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



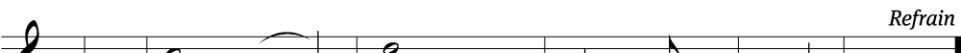
1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,



2 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied




3 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell

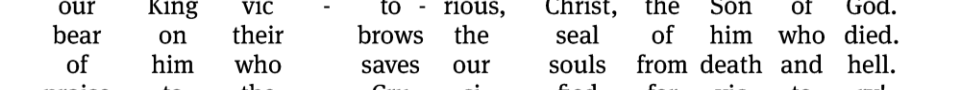


4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

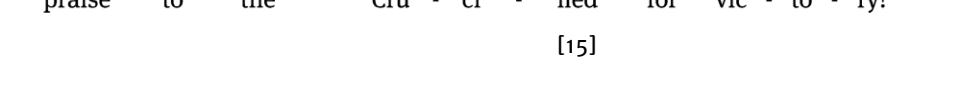
*Refrain*




our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.



bear on their brows the seal of him who died.



of him who saves our souls from death and hell.



praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Tune: Musika Teutsch, Nurnberg, 1532; setting: Heinz-Walter Schmitz II, b. 1944  
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