

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 7, 2019

## Worship Focus

Repent Is a Good Word because God is... Relentless



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OPENING HYMN

388 - Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven



1 Re - deemed, re - stored, for - giv - en Through Je - sus'  
2 Once on the drear - y moun - tain We wan - dered  
3 Dear Mas - ter, yours the glo - ry Of each re -  
4 Now keep us, ho - ly Sav - ior, In your true



pre - cious blood, Heirs of his home in heav - en -  
far and wide, Far from the cleans - ing foun - tain,  
cov - ered soul. Ah, who can tell the sto - ry  
love and fear, And grant us by your fa - vor



Oh, praise our par - d'ning God! Praise him in tune - ful  
Far from the pierc - ed side. But Je - sus sought and  
Of love that made us whole? Not ours, not ours the  
The grace to per - se - vere Till, in your new cre -



mea - sures Who gave his Son to die; Praise him whose  
found us; Our man - y sins he bore, With cords of  
mer - it; To you a - lone the praise! Give us a  
a - tion, Our earth - ly trou - bles o'er, Heirs of your



sev'n - fold trea - sures En - rich and sanc - ti - fy,  
love he bound us To him for - ev - er - more.  
thank - ful spir - it To serve you all our days.  
free sal - va - tion, We praise you ev - er - more.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: KUORTANE (76 76 D) Finnish folk tune, c. 19th century.

## INVOCATION

- Minister**            The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- Congregation**    **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

- M** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

## CHOIR RESPONSE

### Forgiveness

*Synesius of Cyrene; tr. Allen William Chatfield  
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*Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;  
From earthborn passions set me free and make me pure within.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, my Lord, with care and woe oppressed.  
Let me thy loving servant be and taste thy promised rest.*

- M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

**M** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**M** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** 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 forgiveness of sins and 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.



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON** Isaiah 43:16-21

Even though God’s people seemed ungrateful, the LORD continued to pursue the “new things” of his merciful goodness.

ISAIAH 43:16 This is what the LORD says— he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters,

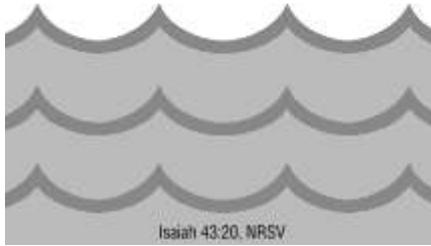
<sup>17</sup> who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

<sup>18</sup> “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

<sup>20</sup> The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen,

<sup>21</sup> the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. <sup>22</sup> “Yet you have not called upon me, O Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, O Israel.

*...I give water  
in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to  
my chosen people...*



# PSALM

# Psalm 73

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*Refrain*



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my  
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

*Psalm tone*



I am always with | you, O LORD;\*  
you hold me by my | right hand.

You guide me with your | counsel,\*  
and afterward you will take me into | glory.

Whom have I in heav | en but you?\*

And earth has nothing I desire be | sides you.

My flesh and my | heart may fail,\*  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for | ever.

**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.**

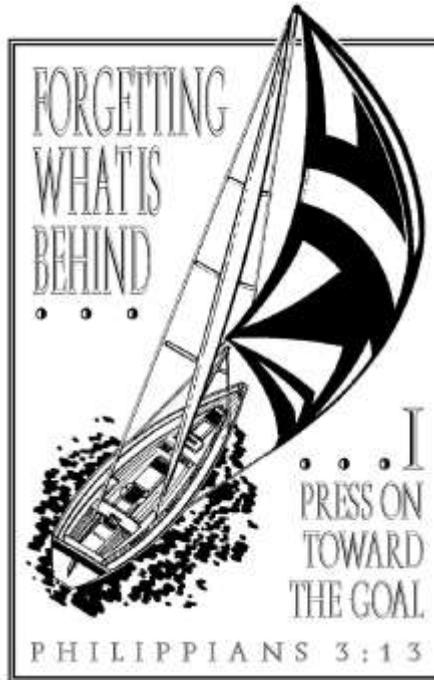
*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON Philippians 3:8-14

As God was relentless in his pursuit of us, so we keep on pressing toward the goal of heaven to which God called us.

PHILIPPIANS 3:8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, 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 is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



## GOSPEL LESSON Luke 20:9-19

In a parable, Jesus teaches the relentless actions of God in coming again and again to save his people.

LUKE 20:9 He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. <sup>10</sup>At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so 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>He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

<sup>13</sup>“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

<sup>14</sup>“But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>So 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 kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When the people heard this, they said, “May this never be!”

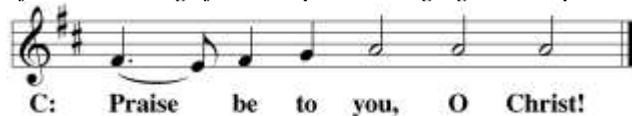
<sup>17</sup>Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone’? <sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.”

<sup>19</sup>The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

391 - God Loved the World So that He Gave



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly  
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the  
5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death, All who con - fide in  
sav - ing grace is nigh, His Spir - it in the  
sins that you have done, You're jus - ti - fied by  
trou - bled heart can cheer; Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive,  
him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.  
Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God,  
soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
Tune: ST. CIRCUS (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

## SERMON

Luke 20:9-19

### God is Relentless

1. in reaching out with a message
2. in expressing his love
3. in sounding a warning

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**C 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 fully 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.**

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

**GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Christ is our cornerstone, O Lord, and the rock upon which all our hopes rest. Bring to completion all that You have begun in us, and grant to us all things needful and profitable for our salvation, that we might be the people in whom You delight and through whom You show forth Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to press on, O Lord, against all enemies and strive for the goal, the upward call in Christ, our Savior. We rejoice that we are not alone but surrounded by a great host of saints and fellow citizens of heaven, here and throughout the world. Bless our unity in doctrine and faith, and help us work as partners in Christ for the advancement of His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make our homes places of blessing, O Lord, that spouses may honor each other, all may find lasting friendships, and children may be cared for. Help us to honor Your gift of life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Where people suffer in body or spirit, bring healing and peace, O Lord. Sustain the weary with Your Word, and grant the ill healing according to Your will. We lift before You the names of those requesting our prayers [*including \_\_\_\_\_*] and those named in our hearts... Be with them in their hour of need and comfort them, that they may not be overcome by struggle, grief or pain. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to receive for our benefit the blessed food of Christ's body and blood in this Holy Sacrament. Unite us in faith, that this Holy Communion may show forth our common faith and equip us to live together in love as You have loved us and forgiven all our sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Where we are in error, O Lord, reform us. Where our love is lacking, renew us. Where our faith is faltering, give us strength. Where we are distracted, give us a clear focus on Christ, in whom we live by Baptism and faith. Keep us in Christ to the day of the resurrection of all flesh, when we shall be reunited with those who have gone before us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things we pray, O Lord, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, with whom You reign, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** 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.

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

**M** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M** Lift up your hearts.



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

**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

**M** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)**

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

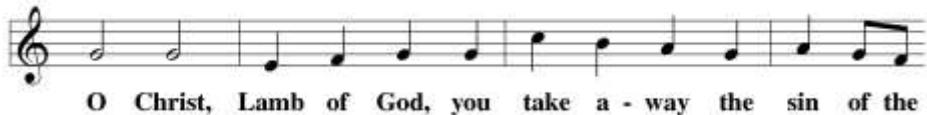
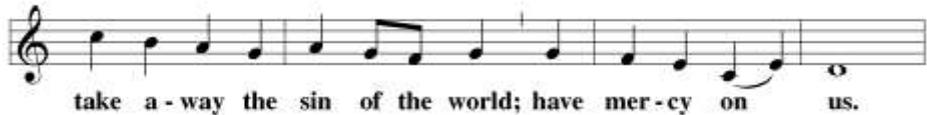
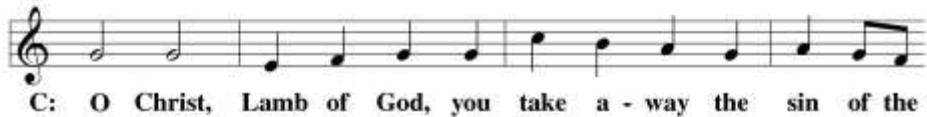
**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my 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.”

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



**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)**



**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.*

## THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**M** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

**M** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

333 – Abide, O Dearest Jesus



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us  
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us  
 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,  
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,  
 5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,



with your grace That Sa - tan may not  
 with your Word And thus now and here -  
 pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and  
 boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and  
 Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan



harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
 af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
 keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
 wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.  
 fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
 Among us with your love;  
 Grant steadfastness and help us  
 To reach our home above.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN (76 76) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*