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March 21st, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Lent



John 12:27

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.



Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

L: "If we confess our sins, he who it faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) We confess our shortcomings so that we also taste grace of God. At this time we will take a moment of silence to offer our sins to God.

Moment of silence.

L: God's beloved, there is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul. Be at peace. God forgives all your sins. Amen.

Hymn

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ELW #759

<u>Word</u>

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

P: Holy Gospel according to John C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say-'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The gospel of the Lord C: Praise to you, O Christ. Message

Hymn "Now the Green Blade Rises"

ELW #379

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

Leader will lead the prayer. Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer. <u>Sending</u>

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Delbert Scheider, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Gene Hesselbacher, Connor Stadermann, Jaden, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Dave Heinkel, Cindy Tessendorf, Tim Tessendorf, the Heimann Family, Janet, Lori, J.T., Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, Kelly Thurman, Tom, Brian Gobeli, John, Jerred, Bronwein, Matt and Julie, Susan Andersen, Chuck, Joyce, Marcia, Deb, Mary Gerbode, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Penny Day, Crystal, Jesse Becke, Sue, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, the Anthony Nelson family, Jim DeMontigny, Richard Gordon, Norma, Dick Kleckler, Kirk, ELCA World Hunger and those serving overseas, especially Kyle. Pray for love, peace, comfort, and hope of resurrection for the families and friends of James Kempel.

God bless us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

P: God bless you \Box that you may be a blessing to others, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.** Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" ELW #324

Announcements Annual Congregational Meeting today at 10:30am

Next Sunday, March 28th, Palm/Passion Sunday Worship 9:30am. We will watch a video of the story of Jesus' last week on earth from Mark's Gospel narrated by Good Shepherd Family. Service concludes with prayer.

Attendance March 7th In house–21 Online–94

Online attendance includes Facebook and YouTube video views from the last 7 days.



Father God, I pray You would increase love and gentleness in my children so that they may be able to forgive freely and repeatedly. Do not let bitterness, anger, or revenge take root in their hearts. Instead, remind them to bring their troubles, sorrows and injustices to You. Give them the <u>courage</u> to lay it all at Your feet and then if they need to, lay at Your feet themselves for You to hold and strengthen. Amen.