

Jesus
CHRIST

THE SAME
YESTERDAY,
AND TODAY,
AND FOREVER.

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
Thursday, March 5, 2026

The Worship Service Celebrating Life and
the Sure Hope of the Resurrection given to

Elias Gabriel Martinek
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Ephesians 6:10-11

*“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.
Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to
stand against the schemes of the devil.”*

The Prelude

Please Stand

Remembrance of Baptism

- P** In Holy Baptism, Elias was clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”
- C** We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

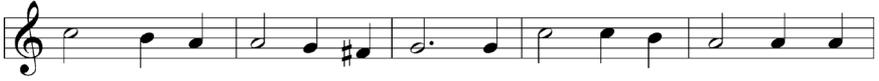
The Processional Hymn

“Peace Like a River”

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1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

The Invocation and Opening Litany

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the **✠** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** In baptism we have been buried with Christ.
- C** And we shall LIVE with Him. (Jn. 6)
- P** Listen, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. (1 Cor. 15:51)
- C** The perishable shall be clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. (1 Cor. 15:53)
- P** Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? (1 Cor. 15:54-55)
- C** But thanks be to God! He GIVES us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:57)
- P** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (Jn. 11:25-26)
- C** I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end, He shall stand upon the earth. (Job 19:25)
- P** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (Rev. 21:4)
- C** He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20)
- A** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

The Prayer

- P** Let us pray, together...
- A** O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today, Elias, our brother in Christ. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion on this pilgrimage upon earth. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us Your aid so we may continue our course on earth with confidence in You until the day You call us to heaven. Grant us a blessed reunion with those who have gone before us with faith in Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

Please Be Seated

The Comfort of God's Word

Psalm 23

- P** The Lord is my shepherd,
- C** I shall not be in want.
- P** He makes me lie down in green pastures,
- C** He leads me beside quiet waters,
- P** He restores my soul.
- C** He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
- C** I will fear no evil,
- P** For you are with me;
- C** Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
- C** You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- P** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
- C** And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Epistle

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as

sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Verse

P Alleluia Alleluia,

For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,

C piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Heb. 4:12)

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-16, 27-29

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th Chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;
 And, oh, what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

- 6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!

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The Message

Pastor Mark Payne

Please Stand

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

P Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the gate of death and the grave we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, Your Holy Spirit that he may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your Church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

- P** “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”
- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Benediction

- P** Let us go forth in peace.
- C** In the peace and joy of Christ
- P** For He is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** The Lord Bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen!
- P** Let us go forth in peace.
- C** In the name of the Lord. Amen.

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
 The emblem of suff'ring and shame
 And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
 For a world of lost sinners was slain

Chorus 1

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
 Till my trophies at last I lay down
 I will cling to the old rugged cross
 And exchange it some day for a crown

O the old rugged cross so despised by the world
 Has a wondrous attraction for me
 For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
 To bear it to dark Calvary

Chorus

In the old rugged cross stained with blood so divine
 A wondrous beauty I see
 For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
 To pardon and sanctify me

Chorus

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
 It's shame and reproach gladly bear
 Then He'll call me some day to my home far away
 Where His glory forever I'll share

Chorus

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