Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023

Gathering God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Time for Silent Preparation)

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Hob Pusey

Let us contemplate Jesus the Lord: instead of the joy meant for him, he end red the cross, disregarding its disgrace.

We worship you, Lord.

O Jesus Christ, born in humility to confound the proud and to raise the humble:

We worship you, Lord.

You lived among us, healing the sick, proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

We worship you, Lord.

You came to unbind the chains of every slavery, O friend of the humble, bread of hungry hearts.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, full of patience and goodness, you showed forgiveness and kindness to the very end.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you call to yourself all who are weary and burdened.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to give your life; you were betrayed for money, dragged before judges, and nailed to a cross.

We worship you, Lord.

Jesus. Lord of the universe.

by your resurrection from the dead you are alive at the Father's side, and there you prepare a place for us.

We worship you, Lord.

Invocation (Responsively)

Hob Pusey

From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now, come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted,

to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention, **come, Lord Jesus.**To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away, **come, Lord Jesus.**Today, to this place, to us, **come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Ŭ Hymn 64

All Creatures of Our God and King

Confessing God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Hob Pusey

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Hob Pusey

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hob Pusey

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be, world without end. A-men. A-men.

Offering Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation

As we come before God with our tithes and offerings, let us remember the words of Micah 6: What does the Lord require of us? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Thus we bring our money, gifts, and whole lives as an offering to our God.

Offering

Offertory

Medley - Enter In In Your Presence Pierce My Ear Mike Lenz Misulia DeShazo Croft

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men

Prayer of Dedication

Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace, that in the midst of death all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

¶ Hymn 277

The Church's One Foundation

Proclaiming God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon Kid's Pay Taxes Too Dan Baker

Scripture Reading Mark 12:13-17

¹³ Then they sent some of the Pharisees and the Herodians to Jesus to trap him in his words. ¹⁴ When they came, they said to him, "Teacher, we know you are truthful and don't care what anyone thinks, nor do you show partiality but teach the way of God truthfully. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn't we?"

¹⁵ But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius to look at." ¹⁶ They brought a coin. "Whose image and inscription is this?" he asked them.

"Caesar's," they replied.

¹⁷ Jesus told them, "Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

Sermon

"God and Cesar" Rev. Tim Latham

Responding We respond to God's Word

Y Hymn 379 Take My Life and Let It Be

Profession of Faith (Heidelberg Catechism)

I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

Prayers of the People

Commissioning God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

♥ We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things we will say together We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1
We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

Chorus

Verse 2
In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Chorus

Verse 3
Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Chorus

Tag—We will feast and weep no more.

Benediction & Blessing

This morning's Prayer Partners are Bernie Hughes and Jim Fox

Postlude