

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Three

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #437: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Cooper Lee Wray (8:00)

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 43:3-5; antiphon: vv. 1-2a

L: Vindicate me, O God,

C: **and defend my cause against an ungodly people,**

L: from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

C: **For You are the God in whom I take refuge.**

L: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

C: **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

L: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

C: **and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.**

L: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

C: **Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.**

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Gloria Patri (sung)

**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. Amen.**

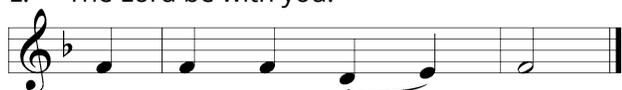
Kyrie (sung)

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-14 (ESV)

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-15 (ESV)

When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

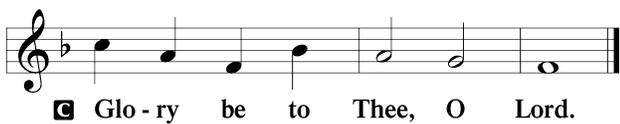
Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: John 8:46-59 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



“Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Statement of Faith: Nicene Creed (10:45)

Hymn #430: My Song Is Love Unknown

Sermon

Offertory (sung)

Psalm 51:10-12

Offering from God’s People

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us. Thank You for Jesus, the perfect steward of Your gifts, showing that giving of self is the most fundamental part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, talents, and material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus showed us by His life and death for us. In His name we pray, Amen.

Reception of Jessica Askren (10:45)

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer (8:00)

(8:00) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

(10:45) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface (sung)

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P: The Lord be with you.	C: And with thy spirit.
P: Lift up your hearts.	C: We lift them up unto the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.	C: It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution Hymns

1. #620: Jesus Comes Today with Healing
2. #431: Not All the blood of Beasts
3. #425: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Nunc Dimittis (please stand to sing)

Luke 2:29-32

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
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. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P: Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn #427: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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