

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 17, 2024**

Responsive Call to Worship – PWS&D Lenten Liturgy



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- One:** On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we discover a troubled Jesus in prayer as he contemplates his death on the cross.
- All:** **We are grateful for the prayers of Jesus and for the times in the gospels when Jesus prayed.**
- One:** In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed, "Remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."
- All:** **And so we pray, as Jesus taught us,
"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."**



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Hymn 615 Let saints on earth in concert sing

- 1. Let saints on earth in concert sing
with those whose work is done,
for all the servants of our King
in heaven and earth are one.**
- 2. One family, we dwell in him,
one church, above, beneath,
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.**
- 3. One army of the living God,
to his command we bow:
part of the host has crossed the flood,
and part is crossing now.**
- 4. E'en now to their eternal home
there pass some spirits blest,
while others to the margin come,
waiting their call to rest.**
- 5. Jesu, be thou our constant guide;
then, when the word is given,
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
and bring us safe to heaven.**

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Hymn 645 Follow me, the Master said

- 1. 'Follow me,' the Master said:
we will follow Jesus.
By his word and Spirit led,
we will follow Jesus.
Still for us he lives to plead,
at the throne will intercede,
offers help in time of need;
we will follow Jesus.**
- 2. Should the world and sin oppose,
we will follow Jesus.
He is greater than our foes;
we will follow Jesus.
On his promise we depend;**

**he will hear us and defend,
help and keep us to the end;
we will follow Jesus.**

**3. Though the way may dark appear,
we will follow Jesus.**

**He will make our pathway clear;
we will follow Jesus.**

**In our daily round of care,
as we plead with God in prayer,
with the cross which we must bear,
we will follow Jesus.**

**4. Ever keep that end in view;
we will follow Jesus.**

**All his promises are true;
we will follow Jesus.**

**When this earthly course is run,
and the Master says, 'Well done!'
life eternal we have won;
we will follow Jesus.**

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

O God, we are called to service and you entrust us with the task of embodying your love in this world yet, we confess, we fall short. Motivated by worldly success, we cling to our plans and hold to our will instead of being molded by your grace. Lost in our busyness and our worries, we neglect to show the sacrificial love that should characterize us as your people.

- silent confession -

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever
and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 629 Salvation and immortal praise

**1. Salvation and immortal praise
unto our God we sing!
Let heaven and earth and rocks and seas
with glad hosannas ring.**

**2. To Father, Son and Spirit blest,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is
and shall be evermore.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 119:9-16 p. 567 NT & Psalms

⁹ How can a young person stay pure?

By obeying your word.

**¹⁰ I have tried hard to find you—
don't let me wander from your commands.**

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.

**¹² I praise you, O Lord;
teach me your decrees.**

¹³ I have recited aloud
all the regulations you have given us.

**¹⁴ I have rejoiced in your laws
as much as in riches.**

¹⁵ I will study your commandments
and reflect on your ways.

**¹⁶ I will delight in your decrees
and not forget your word.**

New Living Translation (NLT)

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Scripture Lessons

Jeremiah 31:31-34 p. 644 pew Bible

Hebrews 5:5-10 p. 381 New Testament & Psalms

John 12:20-33 p. 184 New Testament & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**1. He leadeth me: oh blessed thought!
oh words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

Refrain:

**He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
A faithful follower I would be,
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!**

Refrain:

**He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
A faithful follower I would be,
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, what ever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me!**

Refrain:

**He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
A faithful follower I would be,
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**4. And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.**

Refrain:

He leadeth me! He leadeth me!

**By his own hand he leadeth me!
A faithful follower I would be,
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

Offering & Offertory

***Doxology 830 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication (congregation)

God of growth and new life, with our gifts we offer you our thanks and praise for the promise of spring and the promise of resurrection in Christ Jesus. With these gifts, accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as they bear fruit in the world you love, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 651 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer

**1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,**

I will ever give to thee.

Choral Blessing

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will be with you each hour of every day.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Piano Postlude