

April 6, 2025- Fifth Sunday in Lent
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church

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Prelude

Welcome/Announcement

Watchword For The Week: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13,14

(Please Stand if able.)

Call To Worship:

L: Come, all who seek the Lord. Let us draw near to the God of Grace.

A: Our hearts long for the presence of God; our souls thirst for his mercy

L: The Spirit is calling us to renewal, to leave behind what is broken and embrace new life.

A: We press on toward the goal, forgetting what lies behind and looking to what is ahead.

L: Let us worship the Lord, who is our strength and salvation.

A: We lift our voices in praise, for our Redeemer is near!

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Gathering Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" MBW Page 342 Vs. 1,3

All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, the king and Blessed One.

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring, for you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King!

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Liturgy: Lent 2

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We give thanks to you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In our union with Christ you have blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

Even before the world was made, you had already chosen us to be yours through Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before you.

We praise you for your glorious grace, for the free gift you gave us in your dear Son!

Hymn:

DARWALL

We wor-ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav-ior and our King. To you our life and strength a-dor-ing-ly we bring; so fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you!

You are the Way to God, your blood our ran-som paid; in you we face our judge and mak-er un-a-fraid. Before the throne ab-solved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

(Sitting)

Lord Jesus, we come before you in humble confession. Help us conform our lives to you as the model for holy and righteous living.

Forgive us for our desire for personal greatness, for our attempts to make gods of ourselves, for our willingness to exalt ourselves at the expense of others, and for our resistance to serving one another as you have served us.

Forgive us for making light of your obedience and sacrifice on the cross by living an undisciplined and indifferent Christian witness; forgive us for yielding to fear rather than relying on your strength to take the risk of discipleship.

Forgive us, dear Jesus, for times we have not looked to you as our Lord, and for allowing the clamoring distractions of the world to become higher priorities than you. Forgive us for yielding more to the pressures of this world than being transformed by your lordship over our lives.

Hymn:

CLEAN HEART

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of salvation; anoint me with your Spirit free. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

When we were dead in our sins, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, which was against us and which stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Since we have been raised with Christ, let us set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Hymn:

HE IS LORD

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Throughout this Lenten journey, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

We thank you, Lord Jesus, not only for the privilege of believing in you, but of suffering for you as well, so that we may also be glorified with you.

(Standing)

Hymn:

GIFT OF LOVE

When I sur-vey the won-drous cross on which the Prince of glo-ry died my rich-est gain I count but loss, and poor con-tempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sor-row and love flow min-gled down. Did e'er such love and sor-row meet, or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of na-ture mine, that were an of-f'ring far too small. Love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine, de-mands my soul, my life, my all.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace. And let us be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. Whatever we do, therefore, whether in word or deed, let us do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Sitting)

Blessing Of Prayer Shawls

Offering Our Gifts Today:

Offertory:

(Please Stand if able.)

Doxology:

"For the Life That You Have Given"

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For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring. Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

Prayer of Blessing: (All) Heavenly Father, As we bring these gifts before you, we offer not only our treasures but also our hearts. In this sacred season of Lent, we surrender our burdens, our failings, and our hopes to your mercy.

Bless these our gifts and all who have given, and may we always be thankful for your grace, your mercy and your love for us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen

(Sitting)

God's Word For Today:

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

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God's Mercy and Israel's Unfaithfulness

This is what the LORD says – he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

2nd Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4-14 (Responsive Reading)

Pew Bible Page 1231

No Confidence in the Flesh

Though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;

as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing on Toward the Goal

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus

The Gospel Reading: John 12 1-8

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Jesus Anointed at Bethany

Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

Hymn

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

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(Refrain): There Is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

(Refrain) There Is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, “He died for all,”

(Refrain) There Is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole, there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

The Sermon: “The Fragrance of Worship; A Heart Poured Out For Christ

Pastor Blondel Jones-Grant

Hymn of Response and Preparation for Holy Communion:

“ I Come with Joy”

MBW Page 415 Vs. 1-4

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,___ in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,*his life laid down for me.*___

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,___ the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread,___ in Christ’s communion bread. ___

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. ___ The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends,___ and strangers now are friends. ___

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,___ is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,___ we see and praise him here. ___

Service For Holy Communion: In Celebration of the Atonement MBW Page 196

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

(Standing, the congregation gives a nod or a wave of fellowship, signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another)

Hymn:

CASSEL

Come then, come, O flock of Je-sus, cov-e-nant with him a-new; un-to him, who con-quer-ed for us, pledge we love and ser-vice true; let our mu-tual love be glow-ing; thus the world will plain-ly see that we, as on one stem grow-ing, liv-ing branch-es are in thee.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer: 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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting, as the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

Hymn:

SEELNBRAUTIGAM MBW Page 197

Holy Trinity, we confess with joy that our life and whole salvation flow from Christ's blessed incarnation and his death for us on the shameful cross.

Had we angels' tongues, with seraphic songs, bowing hearts and knees before you, Triune God, we would adore you in the highest strain, for the Lamb once slain.

Jesus is my joy, therefore blessed am I; O, his mercy is unbounded, all my hope on him is grounded; Jesus is my joy, therefore blessed am I.

Hymn:

RHAW MBW Page 198

**The cross, the cross, O, that's my gain, because on that the Lamb was slain;
t'was there my Lord was crucified, 'twas there my Savior for me died.**

**Here does the Lord of life pro-claim to all the world his saving name; repenting
souls, in him believe; you wounded, look on him and live.**

Hymn:

BREAD OF LIFE MBW Page 199

**You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me; your holy Word the truth that rescues
me. Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you
are love.**

**Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you blessed the bread
by Galilee. Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my
peace, my All in All!**

(When the bread has been served the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.

(All partake together)

SILENT PRAYER

By your divine presence,
By the holy sacraments,
By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it)

Hymn:

ZURICH MBW Page 202

**You have cancelled my transgression, Jesus, by your precious blood;
may I find there - in salvation, happiness, and peace with God; and since you,
for sinners suffering, on the cross were made offering, from all sin deliver
me, that I wholly yours may be.**

Hymn:

EISLEBEN MBW Page 203

**Most holy Lord and God, holy, almighty God, holy and most merciful Savior, our
eternal God! Grant that we may never lose the comforts from your death.
Have mercy, O Lord.**

**Most holy Lord and God, holy, almighty God, holy and most merciful Savior, our
eternal God! Bless your congregation through your sufferings, death, and blood.
Have mercy, O Lord.**

**Most holy Lord and God, holy, almighty God, holy and most merciful Savior, our
eternal God! Lamb of God unspotted, to our prayers, O lend an ear. Have
mercy, O Lord.**

Hymn:

BERTHELSDORF MBW Page 205

Own your congregation, gracious Paschal Lamb; we are here assembled in your holy name; look upon your people whom you by your blood have in love redeemed and brought nigh to God.

You have kindly led us through our joys and tears; now accept our praises and remove our fears. Grant us all with glad__ness to obey your voice; let your will and pleasure be our only choice.

May your church, arrayed in the glorious dress of the Lord and Savior's spotless righteousness, be both now and ev__er by your blood kept clean, and in all its members may your grace be seen.

(When the cup has been served the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. (All partake together)

SILENT PRAYER

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant to us your peace. Amen

Hymn:

GOUDIMEL MBW Page 206

Eat and rest at this great feast, then to serve him free-ly go, as it is for pilgrims fit, as disciples ought to do. We, when Jesus we shall see coming in his majesty, shall the marriage supper share, if we his true followers are.

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,
Until he comes.

(The congregation gives a nod or a wave of fellowship, signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ)

Hymn:

COVENANT

We who here together are assembled, joining hearts and hands and one, bind ourselves, with love that's undissembled, Christ to love and serve alone. O may our imperfect songs and praises be well pleasing unto you, Lord Jesus. Say, "My peace I leave with you." Amen, amen, be it so.

The Lord Bless you and keep you;

The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lifts up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

In the name of Jesus. A-men

(Please continue to Stand if able.)

Parting Hymn: "And Can it Be That I Should Gain"

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And can it be that I_ should gain an int'rest in the_ Savior's blood? Died He for me,__ who caused His pain for me, who caused his bitter death? Amazing love! How_ can_ it_ be_ that you,_ my Lord,__ should die__ for me? Amazing love! how can it be that you, my Lord, should_ die for me!

He left his Father's throne a_bove so free,_ so in-fi_-nite his grace - emptied himself__ of all but love, and bled_ for Ad_-am's helpless race! What mercy this, im_-mense_ and_ free,_ for, O__ my God,__ it found__ out me! What mercy this, immense and free, for, O my_ God, it_ found out me!

Long my imprisoned spir_it_ lay fast bound_ in_ sin and_ nature's night. Your sunrise turned__ that night to day; I woke- the dun_-geon flamed with light! My chains fell off, your_ voice_ I_ knew;_ was freed,_ I rose,__ and fol__-lowed you. My chains fell off, your voice I knew; was freed, I_ rose, and_ fol-lowed you.

No condemnation now_ I_ dread; for Christ, and_ all in_ him is mine! Alive in him,_ my living Head, and clothed _ in righteousness divine, bold I approach the_ e-ter_-nal throne__ and claim__ the crown,__ through Christ__ my own. Bold I approach th'e-ter-nal throne and claim the_ crown, through Christ my own.

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

Co Leaders for April, 2025

April 13th - Liz Reres

April 17th - Maundy Thursday - Jim Jimenez

April 18th - Good Friday - Liz Reres

April 20th - Muriel Timari

April 27th - Donna Ziegeler

Next Sunday, April 13, 2025, we will be celebrating Palm Sunday. We will have a parade of the waving of the palms in the church with the children and if any adult would like to join us you are very well welcomed. There will be the Children's Chat and the children will be collecting The Joyful Noise Collection that will be collected for The Essential Cafe in Bethlehem. We will welcome back Pastor Jesus Laguerra into the pulpit. We will have a Fellowship Hour. We look forward to seeing all of you here.