



April 3, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

REFLECTION

As we are all aware, the Bible is replete with instances of healing that come as a response to a command or prayer of faith by a believer. Our problem is that while the Bible is full of examples of God saying yes to prayer, our lives and experience are full of examples of God saying no to such prayers.

~ The Rev. Dr. William Watley

PRELUDE

Variations on "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Johann Gottfried Walther

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Awe-inspiring God, we gather together to praise you
for your tender compassion and care of needy people.

Come, all who seek the Lord God, offer your prayers.

Listening God, we gather to revere and honor your
concern for people who cry to you for help.

Come, all who seek the Lord God, offer your praise.

People are called to gather together in thankfulness for God's loving mercies.

Come, all who seek the Lord God, offer your worship. Amen.

****HYMN No. 664**

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for the springing, fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung incompleteness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*

Merciful God, of what do we boast? Can we truly say with Paul that we do not boast about ourselves or our achievements? Forgive us the times when we ignore you, O God, and depend on our own strength to do things our own way. Paul talks about power being made perfect in weakness. Forgive us for believing that we have to be hard and domineering if we want to get ahead in life. So, let this be our prayer...

****HYMN No. 698**

Take, O Take Me as I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Silent Confession

Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear again the good news: that Jesus' grace is sufficient for us all—
sufficient for us to be forgiven in his name.

Receive that grace and rejoice in the power to live in his strength.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 12:1-4

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Still

Karen Marrolli

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

SERMON

You Have to Face It to Fix It: Facing God's No

Rev. William Schram

HYMN No. 521

In Remembrance of Me

RED

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door
And let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted;
Drink and remember too,
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above.
But in your heart, look for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of all new things be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer our hearts to the One who restores us to new life.

**May we empty them of all that holds us back,
so God may fill the emptiness with grace.**

May our hearts overflow with praise to God.

May joy and laughter resound in our words and lives.

HYMN No. 565

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power, God of might!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

HYMN No. 604

"Lamb of God"

AGNUS DEI

Sung during the sharing of communion

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace; grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(In Unison)*

Holy Spirit, bless the gifts of the bread and the cup we have shared, that they might be the sustenance of grace. Strengthen us with the Bread of life, nourish us with the Cup of hope, so we might sustain the weary. So, fill us with the good news, that we cannot remain silent, but must shout out God's grace that is sufficient. Amen.

**HYMN No. 344

Bring Peace to Earth Again

PACE MIO DIO

Where armies scourge the countryside,
And people feel in fear,
Where sirens scream through flaming nights,
And death is ever near:
O God of mercy, hear our prayer.
Bring peace to earth again!

Where anger festers in the heart,
And strikes with cruel hand;
Where violence stalks the troubled streets,
And terror haunts the land:
O God of mercy, hear our prayer.
Bring peace to earth again!

Where homes are torn by bitter strife,
And love dissolves in blame;
Where walls you meant for sheltering care
Hide deeds of hurt and shame:
O God of mercy, hear our prayer.
Bring peace to earth again!

O God whose heart compassionate
Bears every human pain,
Redeem this violent, wounding world
Till gentleness shall reign.
O God of mercy, hear our prayer.
Bring peace to earth again!

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Finale on "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Johann Gottfried Walther

(1684 - 1748)

*****Those who are able may stand***

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