

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 3, 2022

Thought: We proclaim with great ferocity that we live by grace and grace alone. So it is. But, under this gift it seems so many are still worried about “getting right with God.” In Hebrews it says: *By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive...and he set out, not knowing where he was going.* By faith it was “reckoned to him as righteousness” not by any works. So we read at the beginning of Hebrews - *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*

So we live in this grace responding in hope and love. Therefore we are “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with (y)our God.”

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Theme Verse - “God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.” Hebrews 6:10

Call to Worship

A: Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourself.

C: We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

A: Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

C: We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

A: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant.

C: We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

A: Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.

C: We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

A: Whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

C: We serve in the Spirit of Christ.

A: For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

“O God of Mercy, God of Light” ELW 714

<https://youtu.be/CXN5qpx4yXY>

O God of Mercy, God of Light - Highest Praise

Invocation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: The scriptures sum up God’s law, his demands upon us, in these two commands: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all our strength,” and “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:30-31). But these commands we fail to keep. Our love of God is far from full, and our love for others is incomplete. We seek to serve ourselves rather than to serve God and others. Thus we acknowledge our sin and seek God’s mercy.

C: God of love, you love us with a perfect love. But you also demand that we love you and others perfectly. This we have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. You would be perfectly just to punish us now and forevermore. For the sake of your Son, the Suffering Servant Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us our self-centered and self-serving ways. Lead us to serve you and those you have placed into our lives.

P: We cry to you for mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

A time of silent prayer and reflection.

P: Hear the good news! God's Word declares that "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45) For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and gives you his righteousness, making you holy in his sight. His mercy endures forever because his love for you is steadfast.

C: Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen and Amen!

Lenten Response

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

ELW 325

<https://youtu.be/TO1a6yiAdrM>

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me - Fountainview Academy

Prayer of the Day

A: Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. We thank you for sending Jesus to be the Suffering Servant who gave his life so that we might live eternally.

C: In view of your mercy, remake us into willing servants who live to serve you and others. Sanctify us by your Spirit to humbly serve the needs of those around us as we follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray these things in his holy name. Amen.

The Word

<https://youtu.be/CHIF6zivAi0rd>

Old Testament reading - Micah 6:7-8

What does God require of you?

“Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

¹When the LORD restored the for-¹ tunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Epistle reading - Hebrews 6:9-12

Be imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Though we speak in this way, yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things—things that belong to salvation. For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel - John 13:12-17

For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you O Lord.**

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

Children of God Message

<https://youtu.be/1OP9si81ST4>

Homily - “What Does God Require of You?”

Pastor Barnes

<https://youtu.be/gCEBtjjaDsw>

Hymn of the Day

“Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW 685

<https://youtu.be/1Q93HVuYd5Y>

Take My Life, That I May Be - Islington Baptist Church

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead,
on the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued (*especially*). Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for (*names and*) all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

A: Heavenly Father, you gift us with every valuable thing.

C: Yet, we regard all things as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: Accept these gifts, Father.

C: And accept our praise for Christ, our Savior.

A: Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

ELW 754

<https://youtu.be/62J434N0w1c>

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee - Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

Word's of Institution

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 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.

Distribution

Communion Music - Lillian Pinkston

Post Communion Blessing - Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, through this great gift you have watered us in our inner being.

C: In the wilderness of our souls, life springs forth.

A: Empower us, by this gift, to proclaim with boldness your wonderful message:

C: “See, I am doing a new thing! Water in the wilderness! Rivers in the desert!”

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction - from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ELW 338

<https://youtu.be/30Xgpw1f-fw>

Beneath the Cross of Jesus - SE Samonte

Dismissal

A: We go to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God!

C: We go to serve.

Postlude