

# A HOLY LENT

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Sunday, March 26, 2023



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP  
THIS FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*We gather together...*

**PRELUDE:** *Choral Prelude on Redhead No.76*

*Alec Rowley*

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name;  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION**

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness. (*1 Peter 2:24*)

**KYRIE ELEISON**

*Richard Shepard*

Ky-ri-e e - lei-son Ky-ri-e e - lei-son Chris-te-e -  
lei-son Chris - te - e - lei-son Ky - ri-e e - lei - son Ky - ri-e e - lei - son

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

**\*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

In you, O God, we have forgiveness, steadfast love, and redemption. For this we offer you our thanks, our praise, our worship—our very selves—as an offering and sacrifice to you. Send your Spirit to make our offerings a holy one, sanctify our hearts, minds, and voices. Teach us your word, direct our responses, and teach us to live, us as we were taught to pray, saying

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

\***HYMN #2:** *As the Deer*

*...to hear God's Word...*

#### **FIRST LESSON**

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (*Old Testament page 806*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

#### **PSALM**

**HYMNAL #850:** Psalm 130

#### **SECOND LESSON**

Romans 8:6-11 (*New Testament pages 157-158*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

#### \***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 11:1-45: *An interpretation*

This day's interpretation of the Gospel, God's living Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

\***HYMN #361:** *Out of the Depths I Cry to You*

**SERMON:** Rev. Steve Elde

*...and to respond with our lives...*

\***HYMN #469:** *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERINGS TO GOD**

Announcements

Offering

\*Doxology:

**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. Amen.**

*...in the places we now go.*

\***HYMN #613:** *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

\***BENEDICTION**

*(There will be no Postlude in Lent.)*

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,  
in the Narthex.*

GREETERS: Cinda Madonna and Darryl Johnson

READERS: Jo Portinga and Corbin Sheffels

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Arlie Swanson

USHER: Claire Scranton

COFFEE SERVERS: Donna and Todd Larson

ACOLYTES: Catelyn and Axel

LIVESTREAM: Phia

