

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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to the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure
all electronic devices are turned off or set to silent mode.*

-DRAWING NEAR TO GOD-

Welcome and Silent Prayer

Almighty God, whose glory is above the heavens, praise waits for you in Zion! Out of your great mercy you have gathered us into your church. Receive the adoration of our hearts this day, and grant that we may so honor you, both in spirit and in outward form, that your name may be glorified through the worship of our lips and our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 135.1-3

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Song of Praise to God**

Hymn No. 12

EXALT THE LORD, HIS PRAISE PROCLAIM

-HAVING OUR HEARTS CLEANSED-

Confession of Sin

Pardon our sins, O merciful Lord. We have been hasty and short in prayer, and this first sin of the day leads to so many others. Keep us from robbing you of the true worship which your glory requires and which our hearts so urgently need. Wipe away our transgressions, known and unknown, felt and unfelt, recalled and forgotten. And enable us to remember the blood that cleanses from all sin, and the grace which overwhelms all evil; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silently Add Your Own Confession of Sin

***Song of Praise to Christ**

Hymn No. 243

PRAISE THE SAVIOR NOW AND EVER

***Confession of Faith**

Did God create us unable to keep his law?

No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.¹

—The New City Catechism, No. 14

Congregational Petitions and 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 also have forgiven 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.

-ATTENDING TO THE WORD-

Scripture Lesson

Luke 9.51-19.27

Sermon

"With Jesus in Samaria"

Rev. Ron Gonzales

¹ "Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned" (Rom 5.12).

***Song of Response**

Jesus, I Am Resting

words Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876; alt.
music David B. Hampton
1998 New Spring Publishing, CCLI# 2415226

1. Je - sus I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art.
2. O how great Thy lov - ing kind - ness; vast - er, broad - er than the sea.
3. Sim - ply trust - ing Thee, Lord Je - sus, I be - hold Thee as Thou art,
4. Ev - er lift Thy face up - on _____ me as I work and wait for Thee;

— I am find - ing out the great - ness of _____ Thy lov - ing _____ heart.
— How _____ mar - vel - ous Thy good - ness, lav - ished all _____ on _____ me.
— And Thy love, so pure, so change - less, sat - is - fies _____ my _____ heart;
— Rest - ing 'neath Thy smile, Lord Je - sus, earth's dark shad - ows _____ flee. —

— Thou hast bid me gaze up - on _____ Thee, and Thy beau - ty fills my soul. —
— Yes, I rest in Thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is Thine;
— Sat - is - fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry need,
— Bright - ness of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,

— For by Thy trans - form - ing pow - er Thou hast made me _____ whole. _____ Je - sus,
— know Thy cer - tain - ty of prom - ise, and have made it _____ mine. _____ Je - sus,
— com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings; Thine is love in - deed. _____ Je - sus,
— keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill _____ me with Thy _____ grace. _____ Je - sus,

I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the joy of what Thou art. _____ I am
find - ing out the great - ness of _____ Thy lov - ing _____ heart. _____

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

**DOXOLOGY*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words Thomas Ken, 1709; music Genevan Psalter, 1551; Public Domain

-OBSERVING THE SACRAMENT-

The Lord's Supper

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by coming forward and partaking of the bread and the cup. Wine is served in the inner ring of each tray; grape juice in the outer ring. We warmly invite to the Table all baptized Christians, who are living under the authority of Christ and his Church. By eating the bread and drinking of the cup, you are admitting that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Christ alone for salvation. If this does not describe you, we are glad you are here and commend to you the following prayers for your use during this time.

A Prayer for those Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.

A Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false pleasure to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

***Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn No. 642

BE THOU MY VISION

-GOING FORTH TO SERVE-

*Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

Postlude and Silent Prayer

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; help our lips speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

*Please stand if able.

Our Nursery Helpers

Worship

Today: Collie Parsons

Next Week: Nicole Miller

Gatherings

A Children's Catechism Class, taught by Pastor Ron and Pastoral Intern Ronnie Curfman, meets twice a month (generally the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, during the school year), from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, at the church.

The Martin Home Fellowship Group, led by Eric Carpenter and Ronnie Curfman, meets at Kathy Martin's (213 Chapra St) the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. They are studying the Gospel of Luke and all are welcome.

The Men's Group meets Wednesdays, from 6:00 to 7:30 AM in the chapel, for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. The group is studying Exodus and all men are invited.

Prayer Meeting: We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 5:15 PM in the chapel, to pray for one another, the kingdom, and our world. Please join us.

Psalm Sing meets Sunday evenings at 6:30, at the Schroeder's (55 Buttonquail Ln). All ages and voices are invited.

The Women's Study: A study of the Book of Acts, led by Cherry Gonzales, meets Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:00 PM in the chapel. Childcare is provided and all are welcome.

Sermon Notes: "With Jesus in Samaria" (Luke 9.51-19.27)

1. Gospel Differences

2. Living in the "In Between"

3. The Language of Jesus

Prayer Concerns

Rev. Andrew Allen: Continue to pray for Andrew and Amy as they look to the Lord for both healing and strength.

Christ Central Presbyterian Church: Pray for Rev. Greg Joines, our church planter in Corvallis, that God strengthens him and blesses his labors as he gives himself to the city and to the church he is planting.

Aria Krulish: Continue to pray for Aria's recovery from surgery, treatment, and ultimate healing as she and Jerid and the children trust the Lord amidst all the unknowns.

Alister & Sarah Torrens (Ukraine): Pray for the Torrens as they continue to make ready their plans to plant a church in Kiev, for Alister's teaching responsibilities at the seminary, and that God grants them many opportunities to befriend and share the gospel with unbelievers.

Announcements

Birthdays this Week:

April 9 Barbara Em

The Choir is practicing again today after the Coffee Hour. They will be singing next Sunday.

Directory Update: We will soon be updating our church directory. If your family or contact information has changed, or you are not currently in our directory and would like to be, please notify the church office this month.

Good Friday Service & Potluck: Please join us April 19, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, as we reflect on the passion and death of our Savior, followed by a fellowship dinner together. The Leinwebers will provide ham (RSVP to Heidi so they know how many to cook). Please bring a side or dessert if able, but we want all to come if possible.

Visitors: Welcome to Covenant! We are glad you are here and would love to have you join us, following the service, for some refreshments and fellowship.

Explanation of the Cover Symbol

The Chi Rho symbol is one of the most ancient Christian symbols. XP, the first two letters of the Greek "Christ," is an abbreviation of the name of the Lord. This symbol is often, as here, accompanied with other symbols, in this case "Alpha" and "Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. The symbol originates from Revelation 22.13: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (cf. Revelation 1.8, 17; 21.6). This particular symbol dates from the first few centuries of the Christian era and is often found on tombs.