



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

arr. Wendy Stevens

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. For he didn't consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he emptied himself, even unto death on a cross. As we wait for the day of resurrection let us look to Jesus.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

All: We rejoice in our God, who has made a way through the desert of this world.

Liturgist: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

All: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Liturgist: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

All: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Let us worship God.

Based on Isaiah 43:19-21

* **All Singing: 672 "O Come, My Soul, Sing Praise to God"**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 5

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 590 "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**
Singing verses 1-5, and 7, repeating verse 1

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: The proof of God's amazing love is this:

All: **While we were still sinners Christ died for us.**

Liturgist: Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, trusting that God will forgive our sin and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

All: **Let us confess our sins to Almighty God**

Silent Confession and Lament

All Singing: **“Kyrie Eleison”**

E. Pacheco

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison. (2x)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. (2x)

Liturgist: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All: **All of this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.**

Liturgist: Receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Based on II Corinthians 5:17-18

* **All Singing:** **833 “There is a Redeemer”**

Liturgist: Exodus 20:1-17

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Duet: “Behold Him”

P. Baloché, M. Wong

He who was before there was light, walked across the pages of time

He who made every living thing—behold Him.

He who heard humanity's cry, left His throne to wake as a child

He became like the least of us—behold Him.

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion

Oh, be still and behold Him

He who dined with sinners and saints, healed the blind, the lost and the lame

Even now He is in our midst—behold Him.

He who chose a criminal's end, paid with blood to settle our debt,

Buried death as He rose to life—behold Him.

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion

Oh, be still and behold Him

Jesus, Alpha and Omega, our God, the risen Savior

Oh, be still and behold Him

Scripture: Matthew 11:1-19

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: No Room to Play

* **All Singing: 741 “Take, O Take Me as I Am”**
Singing three times

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Tuition Assistance

OFFERTORY “Psalm 126”
All joining to sing last refrain

Isaac Wardell

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter.
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord. Restore us, O Lord.

Although we are weeping, Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your kingdom for the day you will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry; Lord, please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping will go out with songs of joy

The nations will say “He has done great things.”
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord. Restore us, O Lord.

* **All Singing: 590 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**
Singing verse 8

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 134 “Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights”**
Singing verses 1–5

Postlude: “What Wondrous Love Is This”
“Andantino”

arr. Harold Owen
by Orlando Gibbons

Worship Leaders

Organist / Flutist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Gwen Quist
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Dorothy Wassenaar
Violinist / Vocalist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker	Prayer:	Josh Larsen
Percussionist:	Clay Carlson		
Guitarist:	Jenson Varghese		
Minister:	Dave Larsen		

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