

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

Theme: A man's blindness was punishment for his sin. Another man's sin had yet to be punished. But Jesus welcomed them both with compassion, forgiveness, and a new lease on life.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love. **Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. *A time for silence*

Eternal God our creator, **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us with your everlasting love, and forgive us all our offenses, cleanse us from proud thoughts, and remove empty desires. Draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God whose love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God Jesus died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives us all our sins. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Glorify Thy Name

**Father (Jesus) (Spirit) we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth; Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth.**

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: **Compassionate God, You welcomed all people and did not hold their misfortunes against them. Encourage us also to set aside our prejudice and show the same unbiased mercy you demonstrated, through Jesus Christ. Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

At The Cross

FIRST READING

Psalm 84
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL

Luke 18:31-19:10
The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

#802

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly, living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be; life eternal grant to me.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. God of Love, **Hear our prayer**
You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us
to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to
pray...

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.

BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ✠ that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lamb of God

#336

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God**

**REFRAIN: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died,
the humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. REFRAIN**

**I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a Lamb of God. REFRAIN**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, stay safe and be safe. Share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE