

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN:** [ELW#461 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"](#)



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**  
**Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **PSALM 126**

**L** <sup>1</sup>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**Then 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."**

**L** <sup>3</sup>The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

**L** <sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**C** <sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

### **LUKE 19:1-10**

**L** A reading from Luke: <sup>1</sup>[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was

trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."  
<sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

**L** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** [ELW#590 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"](#)

**SERMON:** [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**P** In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

**P** Who presents this child to receive the sacrament?

**Sponsor** I present Magnolia Jane for Holy Baptism.

**P** Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

**Parents** We do.

**P** As you bring Magnolia to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- to live with her among God's faithful people,
- bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
- teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- place in her hands the holy scriptures,
- and nurture her in faith and prayer,
- so that she may learn to trust God,
- proclaim Christ through word and deed,
- care for others and the world God made,
- and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to nurture Magnolia in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Sponsor and Parents** We do.

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Magnolia and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C** **We do.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

**P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C** **I renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** **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 into hell. 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.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** **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.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that she who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**P** Magnolia Jane, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Magnolia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C Amen**

**P** Magnolia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C Amen**

**A** Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**C Amen**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**A** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*After the baptismal party returns to their pews, the service continues with prayers.*

**L** Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

**L** The church declares your praise, O God. We rejoice with the newly baptized this day, especially Magnolia. Renew us all in our baptismal covenant and put your Spirit within us. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair

habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Jeff Fultz, Mark Hughes, Kaitlyn Leedy, Charlotte Leer, Wendy Neumann, Rick Newman, Peter Olsen, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, Pastor Jack, and Vicki Brick Zupancic. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** For whom or what else shall we pray?

*The congregation is invited at this time to lift up prayers quietly or aloud.*

**L** The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,

**C receive our prayer.**

**L** Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**C Amen**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And, also with you.**

**OFFERING\*:** ([On-Line giving Link](#))



*The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.*

**RESPONSE: "Create in Me"**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and sal-u - tar - y that we should at all times and in

all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, ho - ly Fa - ther, through

Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with

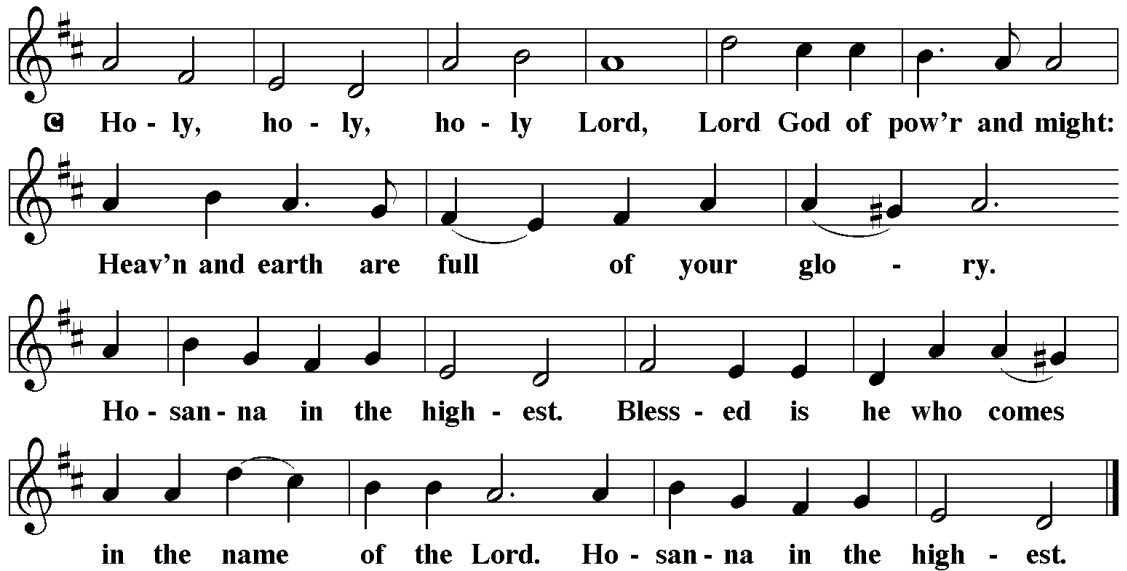
joy for the pas - chal feast. Re - new our zeal in faith and life, and

bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the chil - dren of God.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we

praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

*The thanksgiving continues with the preface; the congregation responds:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**P** Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
 C **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**

P The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for the table is now ready.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

*After all have communed, the following is sung:*

**RESPONSE:** ["Lamb of God"](#)



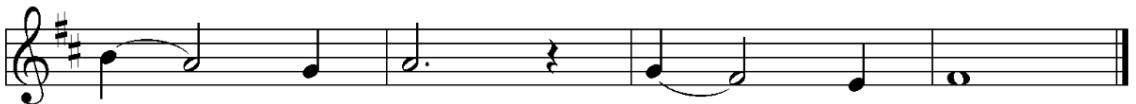
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen**

**SENDING HYMN:** [ELW#451 "We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus"](#)

**P** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

\*Offering to be sent to  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today we celebrate with Magnolia Rogosky and her baptism!
- Easter Lilies may be purchased for \$10 each. Please contact [Deb Fultz](#) or 419-292-9733

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesdays in Lent (March 3 – April 9), 6 pm Supper and Bible Study
- Maundy Thursday, 4/17/2025, 7 pm Service
- Easter Sunrise Service, 4/20/2025, 6:15 am Broadway Pier, Fell's Point
- Easter Sunday Service, 4/20/2025, 9:30 am, Epiphany

### Upcoming Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgical Day</u>	<u>Preaching Texts</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>
April 13	Palm Sunday	Luke 19:29-44	Julie and Dave

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