

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

10 am

Gathering to Praise God

Prelude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
With: Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises
~ Tornquist

Ross Merryman

Welcome

Call to Worship (*responsively*) *Based on Psalm 47*

Come and worship, people of God! Let's celebrate with songs of praise!

**For our God—the Most High—is seated on His holy throne,
sovereign over all the earth.**

In awe and wonder, let us worship our God, holy and almighty.

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
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Verse 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Verse 2

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Verse 3

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Verse 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty and merciful God,
when we glimpse the beauty of Your holiness,**

we recognize our own lack of holiness.
Today we confess the poverty of our spirits
and how often we prefer the ways of this world to Your ways.
We confess that we are often so preoccupied by our own schedules,
and so absorbed in seeking our own pleasure,
that we neglect to ask how You would have us live.
In Your mercy, forgive us, and set us free to be holy,
so that our lives might look more like the life of Your Son Jesus Christ,
in Whose name we pray. Amen.

All continue to pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

A Message for Young Disciples

Proclamation and Response

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First Reading

Matthew 5:43-48

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Second Reading

Matthew 12:33-37

³³ "Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree bad, and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴ You brood of vipers! How can you speak good things, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ The good person brings good things out of a good treasure, and the evil person brings evil things out of an evil treasure. ³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter; ³⁷ for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

The Good & Beautiful God: God Is Holy

Pastor Jen Eschliman

Prayers of the People

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 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. Amen.

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

Closing Song

Lord, I Need You

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Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more, where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free, holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Chorus

Ending

You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You

Sending Forth

Announcements

Easter Flowers orders – sign-up sheet is on the glass table in the Narthex. We have ordered a limited supply, sign up early!

Food Pantry is looking for special items to give our Pantry Families as an Easter blessing – please see the flyer in Narthex or check you midweek for more information

Circle of Friends plant sale – order forms are at the Welcome Center in the Narthex

Holy Week Schedule – registrations are available in your Midweek announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
~Schrader

Ross Merryman