



Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020

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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude From God shall nought divide me Johann Ludwig Krebs

Welcome

Opening Prayer

God's Word to Us

First Reading Romans 8:31-39 Lynne Clements

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Second Reading John 11:39-44

Sermon Lazarus: Now Is Not the Time to Lose Faith Ken Henry

Musical Interlude Heal Me, Hands of Jesus Carl Haywood

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer Dorothy Piatt

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Come to me, says God's Son Dieterich Buxtehude

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

My Sheltering-in-Place Prayer

by Floyd Thompkins

Beloved and holy one, hold us now in your strong arms. Press against us, as would a mother comforting her baby, so that we might feel the tangible presence of the divine. Shush our fretful cries of anxiety and our wails of fear. Rock us in your arms to establish a new rhythm and pace of life. Bring order to the intimate chaos of families huddled together who would die for one another and yet sometimes profoundly hurt one another.

Teach us to shelter in the place of quiet reflection and soulful introspection. Let us clear the cobwebs of our prayer closets. Give us focus to go deeper into the unknown places at the back of our consciousness where our biggest issues have lingered with the excuse of a lack of time to consider.

Let us bask in the privilege of selfishly spending time with ourselves and with those whom we have chosen as our family. Give us the gratitude, courage, and grace to pay attention to the deep yearnings of our spirit. Let us transcend our ordinary religious routines and worship anew and see what you can do. We do not want to leave the shelter the same as when we entered it. Make what seems to be a disruption to our lives become a construction site to make us stronger, kinder, and wiser people. Amen.



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