

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022



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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Variations on Westminster Abbey

Richard Proulx

Acolyte: Laura Schlipper

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

*Open to us the gates of righteousness that we may enter
and give thanks to the Lord.*

O God, you have become our salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

◆ Hymn 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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Verses 1-3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*God of mercy and truth,
we have strayed from you in thought, word, and deed.
Lord, have mercy.*

Have mercy on us.

*We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have disregarded what is holy
trying to satisfy ourselves
by our own means. Christ, have mercy.*

Have mercy on us.

*We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves:
and feel helpless against those
who seek to frustrate the hopes of the poor.
Lord, have mercy.*

Have mercy on us.

Silent Prayers



Assurance of Forgiveness

Listen to the Good News. Christ is our cornerstone and Christ is the firm foundation on which we stand. Therefore, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Stones of hatred have been transformed into stones of peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

◆ Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal 618

**All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad:
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.**

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

God's Word to Us

Psalter

Psalm 118:19-29

Gospel Lesson

Mark 12:1-12

Communion Meditation

Rejected Stone

Ken Henry

Responding to God's Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God, is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a place we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

Amen.

Prayers of the Congregation

Offertory (8:30)
(11:00)

How Firm a Foundation
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David Dahl
arr. Tom Trenney

The text of the anthem can be found at no. 463 in the Glory to God Hymnal.

- ◆ Presentation of the Bread and Cup HS 52
**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need.
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God Hymnal, p. 35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just to give you thanks ...

joining our voices in the eternal hymn:

- Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.** HS 72

- Christ as died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.** HS 73

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

Aria sub elevatione

Gottlieb Muffat

Prayer after Communion

Now that we have been fed at the table of grace, may our lives be filled with the love of God. May we follow Christ, offer justice to those forgotten by the world, embrace those filled with grief and loss, and work to bring peace into all the brokenness around us as we walk together in faith. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 301 **Let Us Build a House** TWO OAKS

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Music for Meditation

*Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein
(When we are in the greatest distress)*

J. S. Bach

During the season of Lent, the congregation is asked to remain seated during the closing music for a short period of meditation.

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given by Lou Williams in memory of Alan Williams.

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Sunday, April 3

5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

12 p.m. UKirk & 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

1 p.m. UKirk & 20/30 CreW Feeding Families Service Project

Monday, April 4

7 p.m. An American Lent via Zoom

Wednesday, April 6

5:30 p.m. Fellowship on Tap at Kardinal Hall

6 p.m. Taizé Worship in the Sanctuary

7 p.m. 20/30 CreW Wednesday Wind-Down

Thursday, April 7

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 10

Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

12 p.m. UKirk & 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal

1:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library

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