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FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT

The readings this Sunday tie Lent together with both Epiphany and Easter. In them Jesus shows his glory as a saving glory but a glory that is hidden under a blanket of suffering and a veil of humiliation.

Greeting by the minister

Please Stand

OPENING DIALOGUE:

Minister: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

Congregation: Your mercies are new every morning.

M: Guide our steps by the light of your Word.

C: Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.

M: Better than life is your love.

C: Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips.

THE PRAYER FOR GRACE:

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 12:20-33

We properly distinguish between Christ's state of humiliation and his state of exaltation. But on this Sunday Jesus makes these astonishing declarations: He sees his glory as beginning with his ultimate humiliation. He has come to suffer. He has come to die. As horrible as that will be, and as deeply as he will feel it all, he looks ahead to the fruit of his Passion (traditionally one of the names for this Sunday is Passion Sunday). And what is the fruit of his Passion? That he can finally leave and be rid of us and all our foolishness and perversity? No, not at all! It is rather that by his cross he may draw us to himself! That is his glory! Can you think of anything more worthy of your attention this week? The other traditional name for this Sunday is Judica; it is the Sunday of judgment on which Christ is judged along with the devil and the world—all three are condemned. Christ is condemned for us that the devil may be condemned forever and lose his claim on us.

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival.

²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus."

²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷ "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

²⁸ Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰ Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

Please Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW Hymn 100

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what
 4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,
 God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send
 you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;
 Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,
 To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"
 I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,
 Shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,
 the Fa - ther said, "And free my chil - dren from their dread
 what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,
 shall ev - er be A cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,



That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes
 Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
 De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong
 Your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in



and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,
 are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave
 my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



“Will - ing all this I suf - fer.”
The fruit of your sal - va - tion.”
Who built the earth’s foun - da - tion.
Your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON (87 87 887 887) Wolfgang Dachstein, c. 1487–1553.

SERMON: *based on Hebrews 5:7-9*
“There Is No Savior but Jesus”

Let no one think that the suffering of Christ was easy. It was very real indeed. His cries for deliverance were not fully answered until his resurrection on Easter Sunday when with both natures he showed himself triumphant. While enduring that suffering what did he think about? He thought about sinners; he thought about you and about me! Out of love for you, the Father did not answer his cries at once. The Son did not cut short the time of his anguish because he did not want you and me to suffer what he was suffering. By his patient endurance and humiliation he became our perfect Savior. To us the joy that Jesus expresses in the Gospel lesson and the anguish evidenced in this reading seem incongruous and mutually exclusive. But to Jesus the two are inseparably linked by the end result our salvation!

⁷ *During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.*

⁸ *Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered*

⁹ *and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.*

Please Stand

PRAYERS:

Luther’s Morning Prayer *(in unison)*

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions: optional, read by the minister

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions

Silent Prayer

M: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The minister prepares the elements at the Lord's Table.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Please Be Seated

The distribution hymn will not be sung today. Please read through the following verses while the sacrament is being distributed. Those partaking of the Lord's Supper, please follow the direction of the minister and the ushers.

110 My Song Is Love Unknown

1 My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

2 He came from his blest throne Salvation to bestow,
But such disdain! So few The longed-for Christ would know!
But oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew his way And his sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for his death They thirst and cry.

4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run; He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away.
A murderer they save; The Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he To suffering goes That he his foes From death might free.

6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home But mine the tomb Wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing; No story so divine,
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624–83, alt.

Please Stand

THE THANKSGIVING:

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING:

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: CW Hymn 387 "Drawn to the Cross"

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855-1928, alt.

Tune: JUST AS I AM (888 6) Joseph Barnby, 1838-96.



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed With heal - ing
2 How well you know my griefs and fears, Your grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 To pledge my la - bor will - ing - ly, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in you my
bused, my mis - spent years; So now to you with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.