

# The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday in Lent • March 29, 2020

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## Gathering

News for Our Life Together

Sounding of the Trinity

Prelude

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

BOURBON

Gail Thomas, soprano; Laura Viau, alto; Wayne Tillman, tenor; Chad Hammer, bass

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger  
brave: it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

TEXT: Everest, Charles William (1814-1877), P.D.; MUSIC: Attr. Freeman Lewis, 1825, P.D.

Call to Worship (*All speak words in **boldface***)

Return to the Lord your God,

**for God is gracious.**

Confess to the Lord your God,

**for God is merciful.**

Repent to the Lord your God,

**for God is slow to anger.**

Praise the Lord your God, for God abounds in steadfast love.

**Together we will worship our God, who is worthy of all praise!**

Opening Prayer

Randy Warner

Hymn #363, vv. 1-2

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

DARWALL'S 148TH

**1 Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!**

**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.**

**Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**2**     *Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt. P.D.; MUSIC: John Darwall, 1779, P.D

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

**Your word still rings true, Lord, generation after generation. You are a God who keeps promises. Yet we confess that we would prefer your work to conform to our timeline, and even better, to our desires. We confess that our hands are busied by work that we design. Our minds are prone to wander, and our hearts forget to love. The passions offered up by the world distract us from our promises to help build your Kingdom. Hear now, our own personal confession. *(Silence for personal confession.)* Forgive us, O God. Help us slow down, get real, and be completely honest with ourselves and with you.**

## Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn of Praise                      *Hear the Good News of Salvation*                      NETTLETON  
***Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.***

TEXT: Native American (Dakota); John B. Renville, 1879; trans. Emma Tibbets, 1955; vers. Jane Parker Huber, 1989 Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813. English Trans. Metrical Version © 1989 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

## Offering

### A Call to Generosity

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Doxology, #606                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      OLD HUNDREDTH  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1740 P.D.; MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876 P.D.

## **Hearing the Word**

Conversation with the Youth/Children

Rev. Laura Viau

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

**“I Am the Resurrection?”**

Rev. Laura Viau

## **Response to the Word**

Affirmation of Faith

*Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

## Prayers of the People

### 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors' and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Sending

Hymn #286

*Breath on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.**

### Charge and Benediction

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