The 5th Sunday in Lent
March 29, 2020

Welcome to worship – May you experience the Presence of Christ this morning, and walk through this week with His peace and gentle love.

WE REALIZE OUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us. C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

P: Mighty and loving God,
C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN  “Here I am to Worship”

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness; opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You; hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain
Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down; here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely; altogether worthy; altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted; glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created; all for love's sake became poor. R

Well, I'll never know how much it cost, to see my sin upon that cross. (x3) R

P: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the uplifting love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY
All: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breath upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING from Ezekiel 37: 1-14
L: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 130
Out of the depths
I cry to you O Lord
O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
If you were to keep watch over sins,
O Lord who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness,
in order that you may be feared.
I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;
In your word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
More than those who keep watch for the morning.
O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.
For the Lord shall redeem Israel
From all their sins.

SECOND READING from Romans 8: 6-11
L: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION— “Return to God”

GOSPEL READING from John 11: 1-45
P: The gospel of the Lord C: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE – Rev. Aida Muñiz

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW NO. 517 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.
Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church,
that we may sing your praise eternally.
O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth; support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED -
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING
P: Because we are so blessed, we offer our gifts back to God with grateful hearts. We invite you to, if able, mail your envelopes to church or to keep using your bank institutions for your offerings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Make sure to check out the announcement sheet that was emailed to everyone

LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN ELW NO. 538 “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live. The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus’ name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

DISMISSAL
P: Go, serve the Lord, and may his peace be with you. C: Thanks be to God!

SHARE THE PEACE OF GOD