



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

10:30 AM

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or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>
Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>



Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

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Members with Thrivent or Investors Bank accounts can request donations for St. John's:

There are outreach programs available through Thrivent Financial and Investors Bank that can provide funds to help support our missions at no cost to you. Thrivent Financial is a non-profit organization of Christians that guides its members to be wise with money, live generously and change lives. Investors Bank describes itself as "a community bank that cares" and is committed to improving life in the communities they serve. Click [here](#) for more information.

Holy Week Bags: We are preparing for our Holy Week Bags and we need delivery drivers. If you are willing to make home delivery of bags on March 27, please contact Bev Kaczmariski at mkaczmariski@comcast.net.

Easter Brunch to Go: We are offering Easter Brunch to go this year. Each order serves two and will include: egg casserole, baked goods, and fruit cup. Special dietary needs can be accommodated. Each order is \$20 with all money being donated to [GRACE](#) to help feed hungry people in our community. Brunch-to-go will be available for pick up Saturday, April 3, and after the Easter in-person service April 4. Please sign up [here](#) by **March 28**.

Please give blood, Wednesday, March 31 from 1:30 PM–7:30 PM at the New Providence Municipal Building, 360 Elkwood Rd., New Providence. Please sign up at nybc.org/njdrive and use sponsor code 14417 or call/text Genevieve at 732-672-5281.

Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ ("We bless you, Lord Jesus Christ") is a hymn of thanksgiving for Christ's atonement. Written by a native of Bohemia, Christoph Fischer or Vischer (1520–97) was ordained a pastor at Wittenberg in 1544 and served congregations in Schmalkalden, Meiningen, and Halberstadt, cities in the present-day eastern area of Germany. Though a copious writer, only this Passiontide hymn survives. It was first published in the *Dresden Gesang-Buch (Dresden Songbook)* in 1597. The last verse might serve as a prayer during the virtual Recorder Ensemble's performance of this setting by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach, J. S. Bach's second child and eldest son: *In Thee we trust, in Thee alone; For Thou forsakest not Thine own; To all the meek Thy strength is giv'n, Who by Thy cross ascend to heav'n.*

Zoom Children's Time, Sundays at 9:30 AM. Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580617100>.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Please Note: In-person services will be outside. Please bring your own chair and wear a mask. If it is raining, we will meet in Hinman Hall (please still bring your chairs), wearing masks, with the windows open, and the exhaust fan running. **Online services** will be prerecorded and broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

- Palm Sunday:** **8:30 AM**—In-Person [RSVP](#)
Liturgy of the Palms with Holy Communion
10:30 AM—Online
Triumphal Entry and Passion according to Mark
- Maundy Thursday:** **7:30 PM**—Online
Holy Thursday Liturgy—the beginning of the Great Three Days
- Good Friday:** **Noon**—Online
Liturgy of Good Friday
3:00 PM—In-person [RSVP](#)
Reflection on the Cross
7:30 PM—Online
Seven Last Words, Service of the Central Cluster ELCA Congregations
- Easter Vigil:** **7:30 PM**—Online
This is the night! In word, image, and song we renew our baptism and proclaim Christ raised from the dead conquering death.
- Easter Sunday:** **8:30 AM**—In person [RSVP](#)
Resurrection Morning with Holy Communion
10:30 AM—Online
Festival Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Prayer Before Worship

Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you. Amen.

From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 1*

PRELUDE Setting of *Donne Secours*

By Robert J. Powell (b. 1930)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

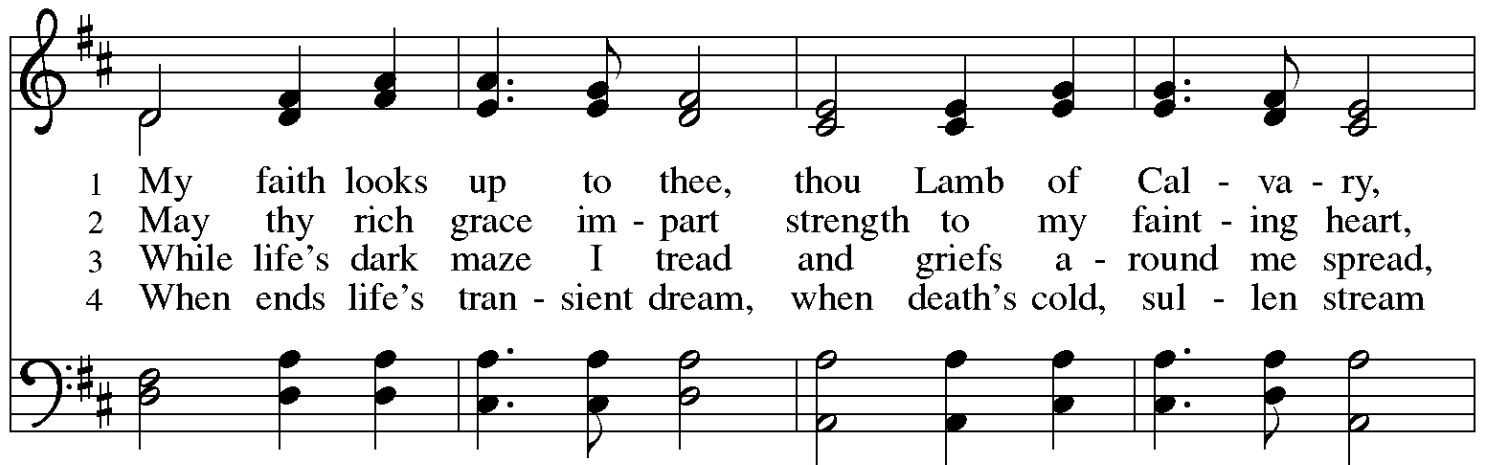
But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God, seeking forgiveness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

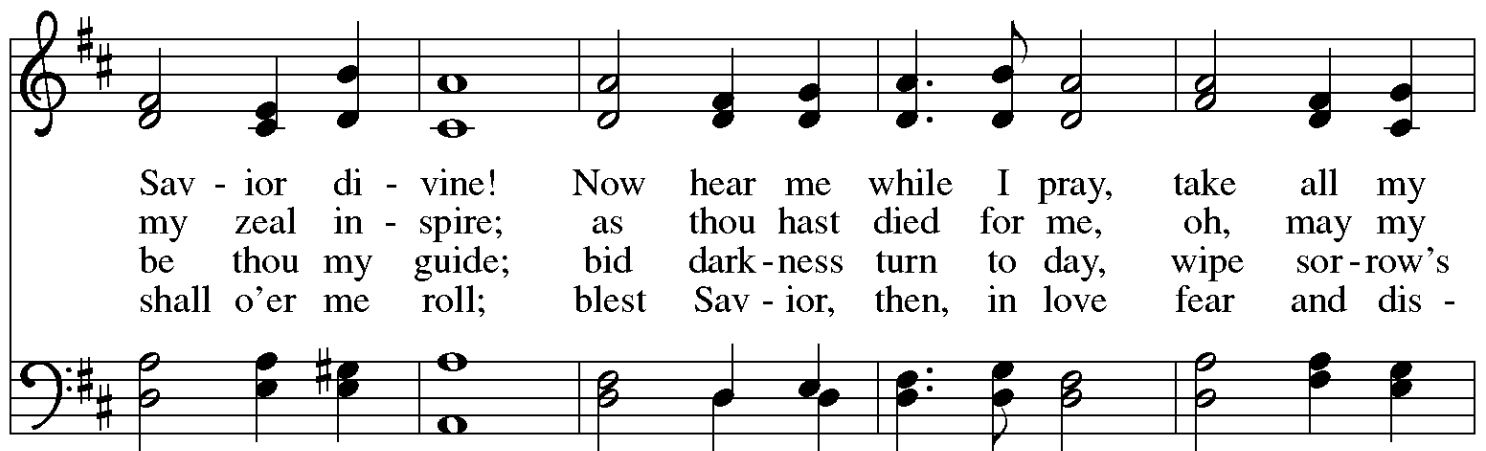
Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our † Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



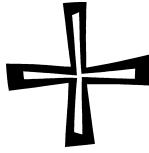
Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

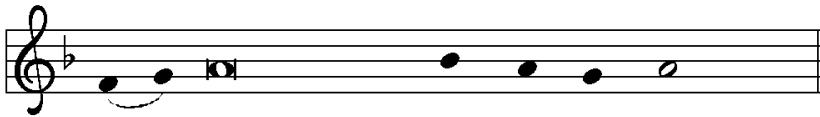
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5–10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL John 12:20–33

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 1085 Hope of the World



1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
5 Hope of the world, Christ ris'n from death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light:
from death and deep de - spair, from guilt and sin:
who by this tri - umph con - quered grief and pain:



Save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
walk close be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;
we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.
lure us a - way from you to end - less night.
work through our lives to bring your pur - pose in.
you are our Lord and will for - ev - er reign!

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: DONNE SECOURS, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

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

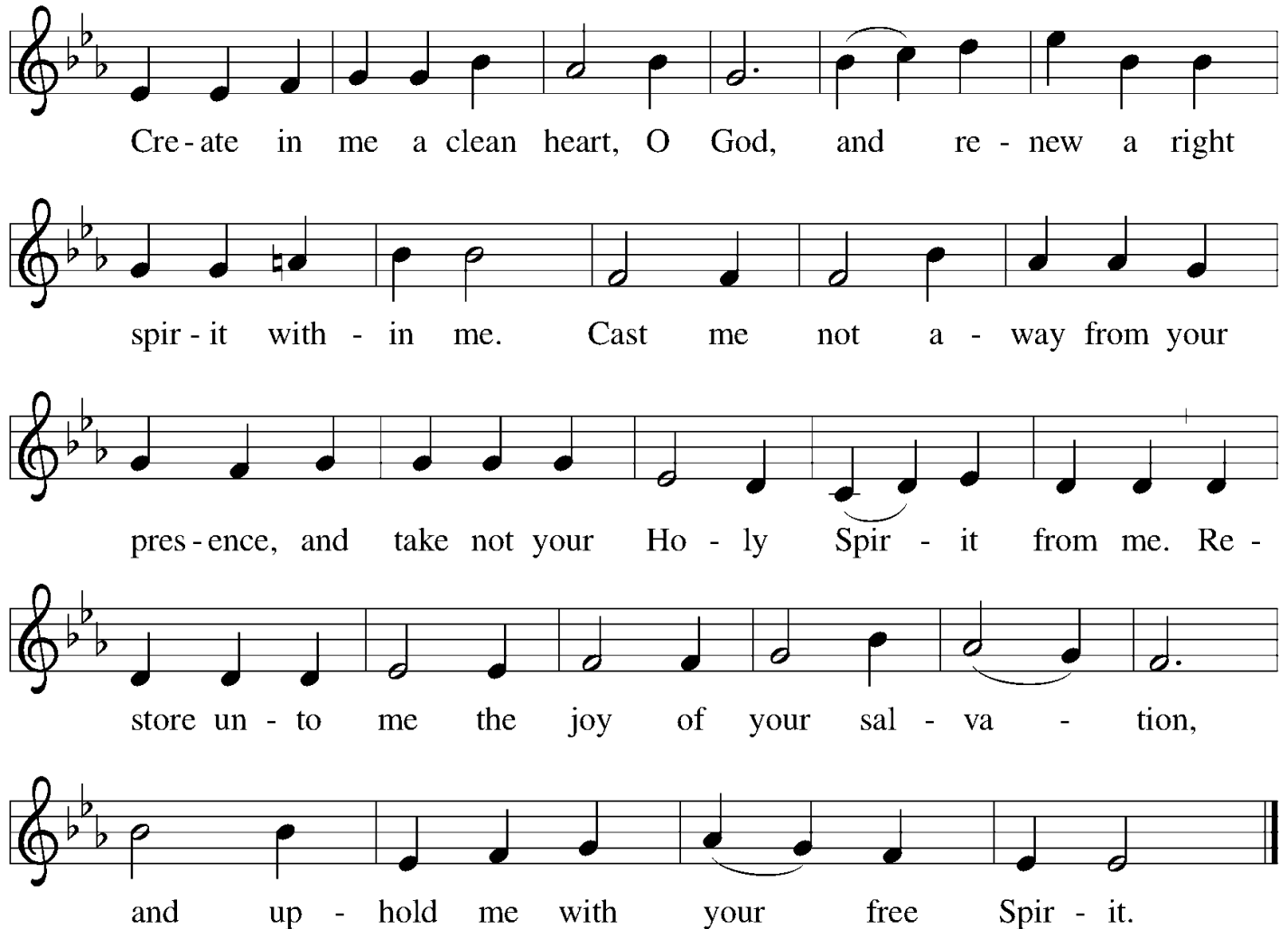
GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org.

OFFERING MUSIC Setting of *Wir danken dir* By Wilhelm Friedemann Bach (1710–1784),
arr. Donna Garzinsky (b. 20th C.)

Virtual Recorder Ensemble

OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

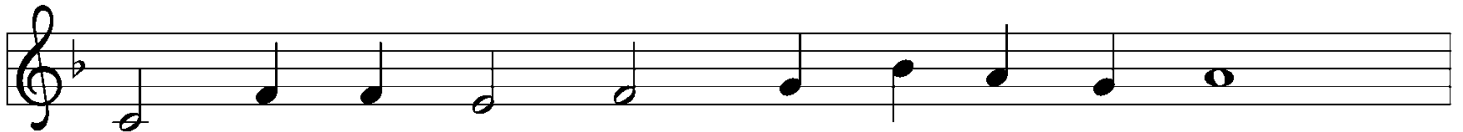
SENDING HYMN ELW 321 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold



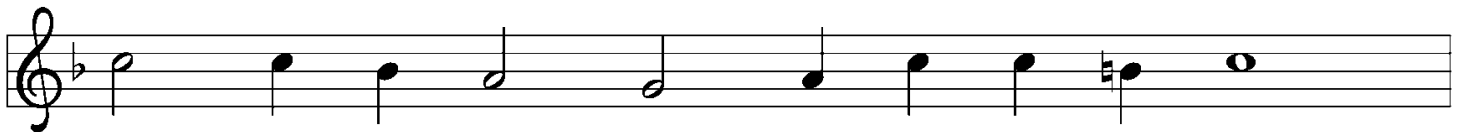
1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God.
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003

Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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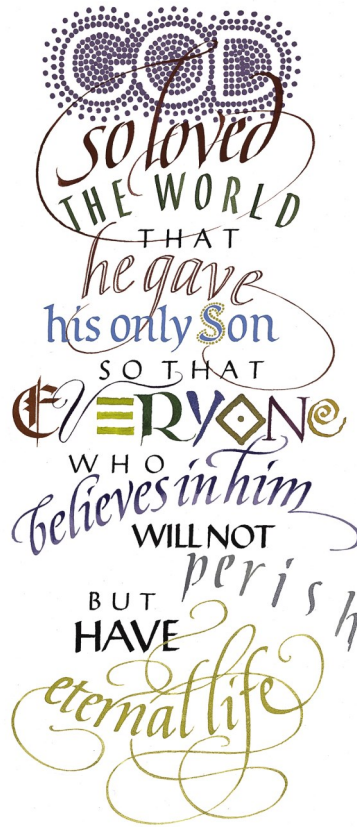
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Setting of *Olivet*

By Amanda Husberg (1940–2021)

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>



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READER

Lent 5

- Today is the 5th Sunday in **Lent**.
- The season of Lent is **40 days** long.
- During Lent, we remember Jesus' **life and ministry**.
- Lent is a time for **reflection**.

Every Day

There are two more weeks in Lent. Write one kind thing you can do each day between now and Easter.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	PALM SUNDAY

NEXT WEEK WEEK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	SATURDAY	EASTER



Put It Back Together

The words are in the right columns, but not the right row! Can you put them back in the right place? The word WILL has been placed for you already.

							W	I	L	L			
F	H	T	H	H	T	N	O	S	I	R	L	E	S
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Look it Up!

Jesus talked about wheat in other stories, too. Check out Matthew 13:24-30 to read another story about wheat!



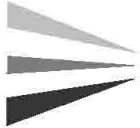
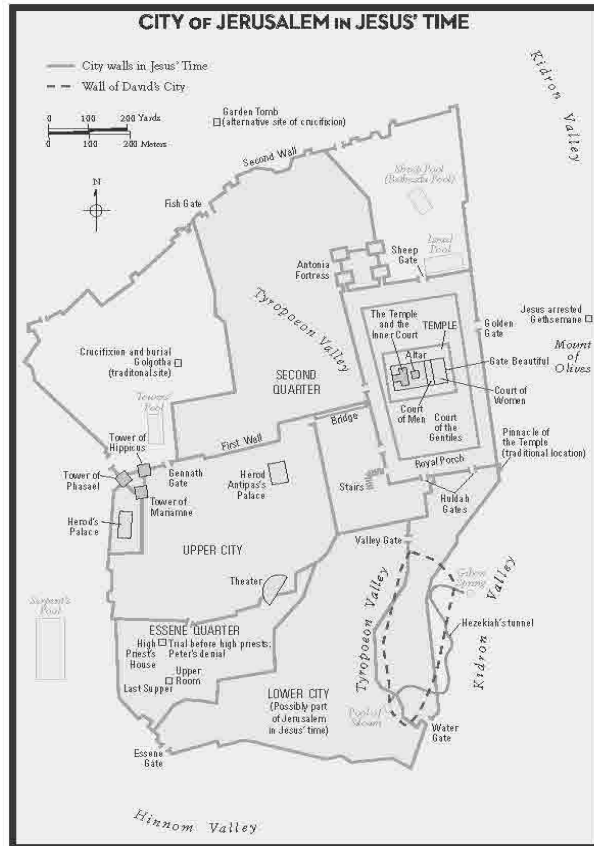
S	E	V	E	R	A	S	E	R	E	V	O	H	W

PUT IT BACK TOGETHER SOLUTION



Bible Tip!

This story takes place in Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a big city in Jesus time. It's still one of the biggest cities in the Middle East. Look at the parts of this city on this map.



The memory verse is jumbled! Rearrange the bold words to put it back together.

Memory Verse



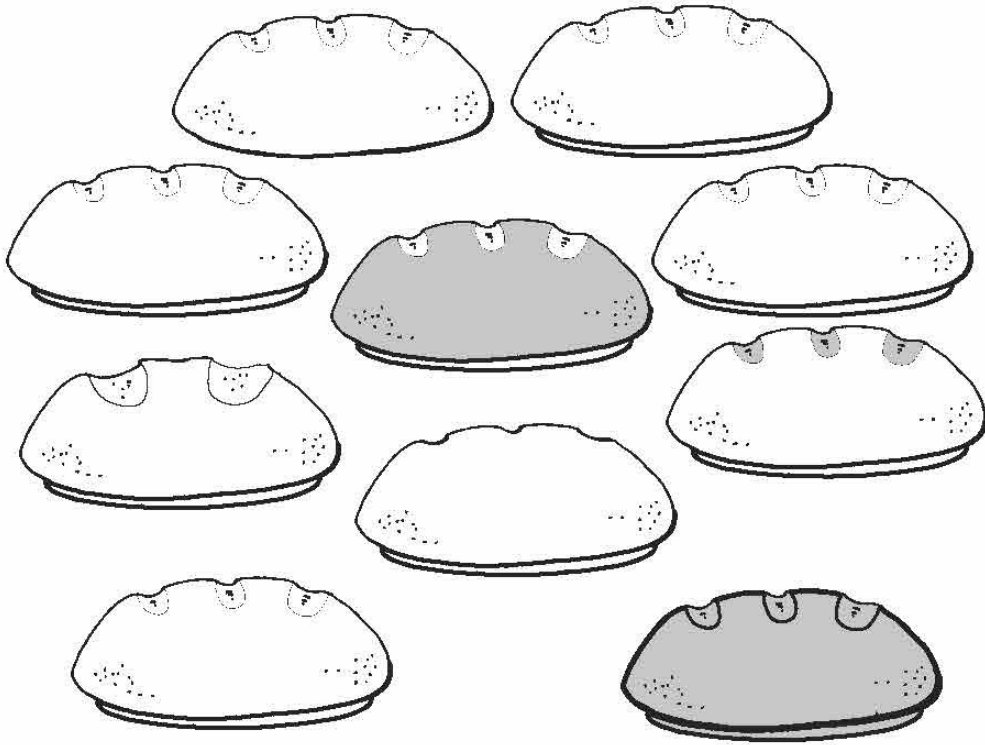
Also where me must **servant** me, and **follow** I am, there will my **whoever** be **serves**. – John 12:26

_____ me must _____ me, and _____

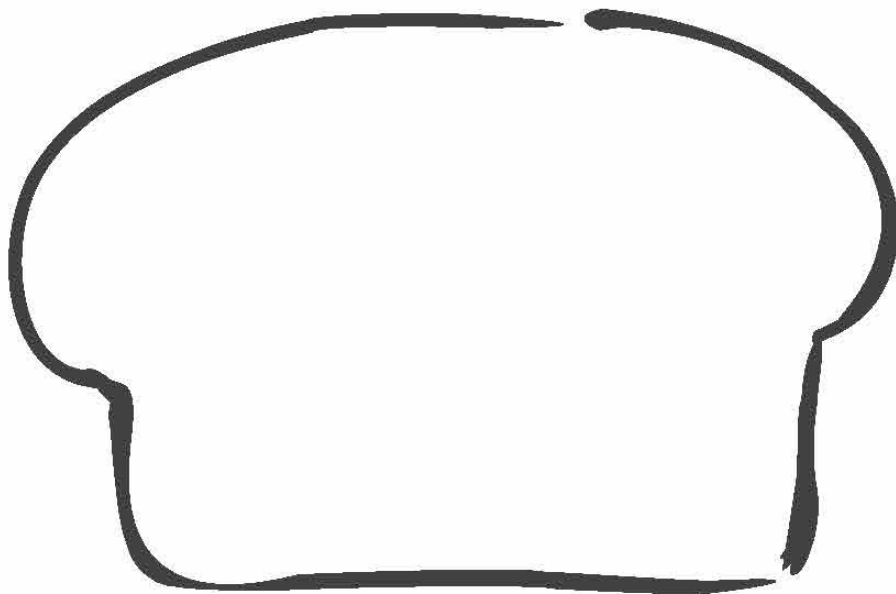
I am, there will my _____ be _____. – John 12:26

Bread of Life

Jesus talked about wheat and bread a lot. We use bread during worship during communion. Can you tell which two loaves are the same?



What kind of bread does your church use for communion? Draw it here.





PRE-READER

Lent 5

- Today is the 5th Sunday in **Lent**.
- Lent is a season of **service**.
- When we serve others, **we follow Jesus**.

Lent occurs in the spring. Color in the picture of the flowers below to remind yourself that spring is coming.





**People began serving and helping others.
They were following Jesus!**



Jesus compared growing in faith to growing like a seed.

What grains or vegetables will you grow in the field? What fruit will you put on your tree? Draw them in the spaces next to the farmer and the child.



Jesus told many stories about seeds and plants. What plants or flowers do you see in your worship space?

Draw them below.

