



The Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025

Welcome: Whatever your background and however you have come to be here, we are glad you are. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's peace this morning.

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Please Observe Silence

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name: through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 126
In convertendo

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."

4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The New Testament

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him

in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P.: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory be to you, O Lord*

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Laz'arus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Laz'arus was one of those at table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, ⁵ “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii^[a] and given to the poor?” ⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. ⁷ Jesus said, “Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

P.: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

THE SERMON

Rev. Stepheya Sandhana

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE COMMUNION

All Baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's table to receive the sacrament. If you do not choose to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

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PRAYER LIST

Let us pray for our congregation, community and especially:

Paul, Kevin, Mandy, Eugene, Mr. Ramon, Patty, Vit & Phyllis, Debbie, Ali, Aron, Craig, JoKay, Mark, Janet, Button, Dolores, Rene, Diana G., Jim, Bill, Josiah, Joshua, Dennis, and Arturo.

(Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.)

PRAYERS FOR MISSION

Pray for Church of the Resurrection, Windcrest; and Church of the Redeemer, Eagle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Lilies – If you would like to make a donation for our beautiful Easter Sunday lilies, envelopes will be on the pews this Sunday, April 6th and the following Sunday, April 13th.

Easter Candies – If you would like to donate candies and/or plastic Easter eggs for the children's Easter Egg Hunt, please bring your donations next Sunday.

Lenten Study - Please join us for our Five Week Lenten Study on Wednesdays at 12 noon.

Good Friday – There will be a Good Friday service on April 18th at 12 noon at the First Presbyterian Church at 566 N. Reagan Street.

Upcoming Events in April

Date	Event	Time
April 9, 16	Bible Study (Wednesdays)	12 noon
April 6	Amigo Luncheon	Today
April 12	Decorate the Church for Palm Sunday	10 am
April 13	Palm Sunday Service	10 am
April 17	Maundy Thursday Service	6 pm
April 18	Good Friday Prayer Gathering	10 am
April 18	Family Movie Night	6 pm
April 20	Easter Sunday Service	10 am

Please join us for Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday on April 13, 2025.

Restrooms are located inside the Parish Hall. Children may go to our nursery during the service, in the Parish Hall. Ask for Diana Bates.

If you need assistance, please call the church office at 956-399-1795. If there is no answer, please leave a message and we will return your call.



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