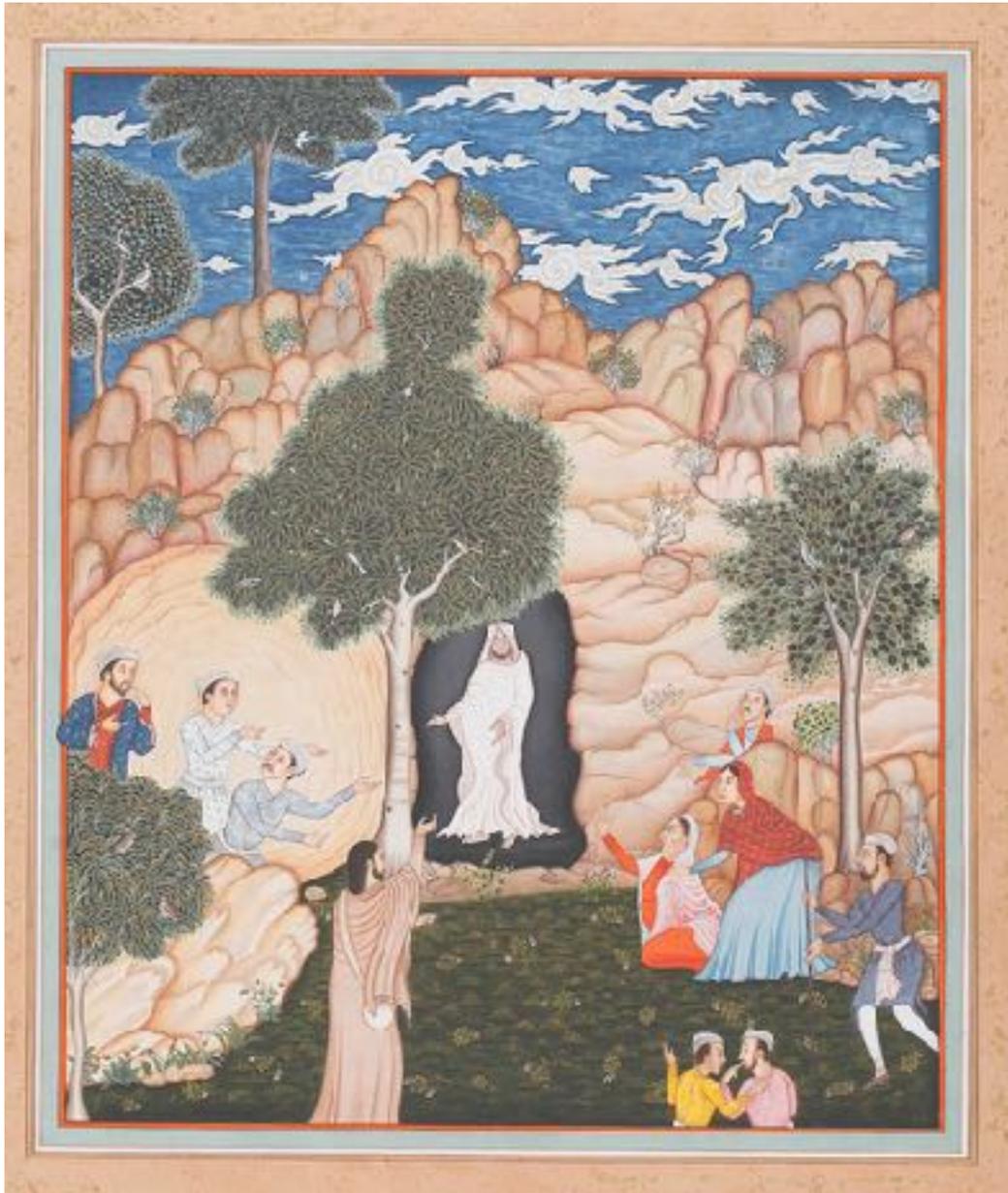


REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 29, 2020



GATHERING

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP TFF 74

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

C: God's greatness is unsearchable.

L: O Lord, you are just in all your ways, faithful in all your works.

C: You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you in truth.

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

C: God's greatness is unsearchable.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God,

C: Your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe 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.

Please sit PSALM 130 *In Unison*

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

3 If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

4 Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

5 I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

6 My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

7 O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

8 For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Please Rise GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *TFF pg. 33*

Return to the Lord, your God,

For he is gracious and merciful,

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL READING John 11:1-45

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

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⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

**CONFESSION
OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Steven Hobert

**PRAYERS OF
INTERCESSION**

*Lord, Listen to
Your Children
Praying, TFF 247*

**Lord, Listen to your children praying; Lord, send your spirit on this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying; Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

P: Hear us, O God

All: ...Your mercy is great

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: Now is the acceptable time.
Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God,
speaking, spoken, and inspiring,
✠ bless you, unbind you,
and send you in love and in peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

May God's Peace be with you 'til we meet again (x2)
'Til we reach that distant shore; where we'll shed a tear no more
May God give you strength to endure 'til we meet again (x2)

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



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THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

MON 3/30

ALL HEALTH MONDAY, TUESDAY, and THURSDAY HEALTH COMMONS SERVICES & ACTIVITIES
CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

TUE 3/31

WED 4/1

THU 4/2

FRI 4/3

SAT 4/4

SUN 4/5

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REDEEMER ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 UPDATE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Redeemer, along with all Minnesota churches, non-essential businesses, organizations, and services, will be closed through at least April 10th. All worship will be held online through at least the month of April. We invite you to join us for virtual services through our Online Worship portal, or via Facebook or YouTube. We will be hosting real-time Resurrection worship on Easter Sunday, April 12th, via Zoom. Holy Week worship services will also be available online, so stay tuned to our website for up-to-date links.

ONLINE GIVING IS EASY! We know it's not a conversation anyone enjoys having, especially at times of economic anxiety for all of us, but we encourage those who can give financially to continue supporting Redeemer through our online giving portal.

LENT QUESTIONS CONTINUE: We invite you to ponder the questions facing Redeemer congregation about Who & What We Are through this season of transition, and share your reflections, insights, and questions on our Google Questionnaire. We will share more updates as decisions are made! Stay tuned here.

PRAY WITH US: The church council invites you to **pray daily** at 9am for Redeemer and our neighbors, and pray The Lord's Prayer every **Wednesday at noon** along with Christians across the globe.

REFLECTIONS & INSIGHTS WANTED! During this unprecedented time of anxiety, isolation, and uncertainty, we are still the church! While we cannot meet together in-person to share the Peace of Christ with hugs and handshakes and Redeemer's signature 15-minute hurrah, we can still gather in creative ways to share Christ's peace through our unique gifts, talents, and reflections. During this unique time of transition and global pandemic, and as recipients of the priesthood of all believers, we are each called and qualified to be the church for one another. So we invite you to share poetry, songs, scriptures, paintings, or other words of encouragement and wisdom with the whole Redeemer community either by video or blog. You may send them to Amy at admin@redeemermpls.org and she will disseminate them to the congregation via website and facebook.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: The Redeemer Sunday School team is working to increase parent involvement, and we need YOUR help! Please fill out our quick survey online or church so that we can better support you and your K-12 child in our youth education and ministry. Parent volunteers are vital to a healthy Sunday School, and we are so grateful for all the time and talents you can give. The survey again is here: <https://forms.gle/XmDX2Ff7HFRHBHS88> Thank you! -The Redeemer EduYouth Team