

Welcome to Worship
Lent 5
March 17th, 2024

Prelude

Andante sostenuto ~ Hermann Schroeder

Gathering Hymn

Restore in Us, O God ~ ELW 328

Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

Word of God. Word of life
Thanks be to God



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Psalm 51:1-12

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.
For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.
Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.
Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.
Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.
Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.
Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.
Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.
Cast me not away | from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.
Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

Gospel

John 12:20-33

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very 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. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"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. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Hymn of the Day

O Jesus, I Have Promised ~ ELW 810

Musical Offering

Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love ~ Granade and Campbell (All Saints Choir)

Offertory Hymn

Now is the Time of Grace ~ ACS 918 (refrain 2x)

Communion Hymn

Now the Green Blade Rises ~ ELW 379

Sending Hymn

O God, Who Gives Us Life ~ ACS 1086

Postlude

Allegro moderato ~ Hermann Schroeder