FOR OUR 9:30 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

5th Sunday in Lent **March 17, 2024**

(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Service)

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PRELUDE

PASTORAL GREETING

INVOCATION

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, Who convinces us by the Word of salvation of Christ, refresh us with the Word, lead us in the Word, keep us under the Word, that Christ may have sole dominion over us and that we live assured of His grace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who with You and the Father are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN **TLH 149**

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the Fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me, to all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,

Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty free remission,
Here the troubled peace, may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
He that drinks shall thirst no more.

4 He that drinks shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

LESSONS
OLD TESTAMENT
Judges 15:4–19
Then Samson went and caught three hundred foxes; and he took torches, turned the foxes tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails. When he had set the torches on fire, he let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and the standing grain, as well as the vineyards and olive groves. Then the Philistines said, “Who has done this?” And they answered, “Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he has taken his wife and given her to his companion.” So the Philistines came up and burned her and her father with fire. Samson said to them, “Since you would do a thing like this, I will surely take revenge on you, and after that I will cease.” So he attacked them hip and thigh with a great slaughter; then he went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of Etam. Now the Philistines went up, encamped in Judah, and deployed themselves against Lehi. And the men of Judah said, “Why have you come up against us?” So they answered, “We have come up to

arrest Samson, to do to him as he has done to us." Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, "Do you not know that the Philistines rule over us? What is this you have done to us?" And he said to them, "As they did to me, so I have done to them." But they said to him, "We have come down to arrest you, that we may deliver you into the hand of the Philistines." Then Samson said to them, "Swear to me that you will not kill me yourselves." So they spoke to him, saying, "No, but we will tie you securely and deliver you into their hand; but we will surely not kill you." And they bound him with two new ropes and brought him up from the rock. When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him; and the ropes that were on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands. He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, reached out his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it. Then Samson said: "With the jawbone of a donkey, Heaps upon heaps, With the jawbone of a donkey I have slain a thousand men!" And so it was, when he had finished speaking, that he threw the jawbone from his hand, and called that place Ramath Lehi. Then he became very thirsty; so he cried out to the LORD and said, "You have given this great deliverance by the hand of Your servant; and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?" So God split the hollow place that is in Lehi, and water came out, and he drank; and his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore he called its name En Hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE
James 1:12–18
Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord

has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Return to the Lord Your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

HOLY GOSPEL
John 19:28–30
After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

COLLECT *(In Unison)*
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever. Amen

HYMN OF THE DAY **TLH 157 Second tune**

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

1 There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains.

2 The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.
Washed all my sins away.

3 Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.
Be saved to sin no more.

4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die.
And shall be till I die

5 When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy power to save.
I'll sing Thy power to save.

CHOIR ANTHEM – "Holy, Holy, Holy" – F. Schubert

SERMON **"I Am Thirsty"** **John 19:28**

THE NICENE CREED *(In Unison)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING **OFFERING PRAYER** *(Pastor)*

THE PRAYERS

SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS *(Pastor)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken in Unison)*

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into

temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

THE HOLY COMMUNION
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

C Amen!

THE DISTRIBUTION
THE GENERAL DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS
THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(In Unison)*

We give You thanks merciful Father that You have kept Your Word and have fed us, Your unworthy servants, with the precious body and blood of Your dear Son Jesus Christ. We pray that by His grace we may walk worthy of our holy calling and learn to adorn the teaching of God our Savior by our words and deeds, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN **TLH 525**

As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams

1 As pants the hart for cooling streams
When heated in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for Thee
And Thy refreshing grace.

2 For Thee, my God, the living God,
My thirsty soul doth pine;
Oh, when shall I behold Thy face,
Thou majesty Divine?

3 Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still; and thou shalt sing
The praise of Him who is thy God,
Thy health's eternal Spring.

4 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION

C Amen, Amen, Amen.

(Doxology omitted during lent)

SILENT PRAYER
RECESSIONAL
POSTLUDE

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