



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

ⓑ Bishop   ⓐ Assisting Minister   Ⓢ Storyteller   ⓐ All

## GATHERING

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### *Confession & Forgiveness*

ⓑ Blessed be the holy Trinity, the Father,  
the ✝ Son,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

ⓐ Amen.

ⓑ God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people.  
Turn us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your  
Holy Spirit that we might confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,  
and grow in the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ⓐ Amen.

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

ⓑ 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.

☒ God is rich in mercy and loves us even when we are dead in sin, and makes us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ might live in our hearts through faith.

☑ Amen.

Opening Hymn

*In the Morning When I Rise (Give Me Jesus)*

ELW #770



1 In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise,  
 2 Dark . . . mid - night was my cry, dark . . . mid - night was my cry,  
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
 dark . . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
 oh, . . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
 and . . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

*Greeting & Prayer of the Day*

☒ 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.

☩ Almighty God, 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.

## HEARING THE WORD

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*Psalm*

*Psalm 130*

☩ *Out of the depths*

*I cry to you, O Lord;*

☩ *O Lord, hear my voice!*

*Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.*

☩ *If you were to keep watch over sins,*

*O Lord, who could stand?*

☩ *Yet with you is forgiveness,*

*in order that you may be feared.*

☩ *I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;*

*in your word is my hope.*

☩ *My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,*

*more than those who keep watch for the morning.*

☩ *O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;*

*with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.*

☩ *For the Lord shall redeem Israel*

*from all their sins.*

*Gospel*

*John 11:1-45*

☩ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☩ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day

## Jesus Loves Me

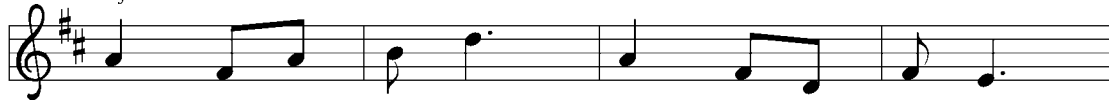
ELW #595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.  
 Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

*Prayers of the People*

**A** Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

**A** God of life, bind your faithful people into one body. Enliven the church with your Spirit and bless the work of those who work for its renewal. Accomplish your work of salvation in us and through us, for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

**G** Your mercy is great.

**A** God of life, you love the world you have made and you grieve when creation suffers. Restore polluted lands and waterways. Heal areas of the world ravaged by storms, floods, wildfires, droughts, or other natural disasters. Bring all things to new life. Hear us, O God.

**☞ Your mercy is great.**

**☞** God of life, show redemption to all who watch and wait with eager expectation: those longing for wars to cease, those waiting for immigration paperwork to finalize, those seeking election, and those in dire need of humanitarian relief. Come quickly with your hope. Hear us, O God.

**☞ Your mercy is great.**

**☞** God of life, you weep with those who grieve. Unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, or pain. Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle, and keep us faithful in prayer. Hear us, O God.

**☞ Your mercy is great.**

**☞** God of life, we give thanks for opportunities for our synod and our congregations to collaborate in caring for the needs of our neighbors in these difficult times. Strengthen our ties with one another in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

**☞ Your mercy is great.**

**☞** We invite those gathered with us online to add your prayers to these prayers that have been named by using the hashtag #demdprays on any form of social media – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and beyond.

We bring all of these prayers before you. Hear us, O God.

**☞ Your mercy is great.**

**☞** God of life, you are our resurrection. We remember all those who have died and trust that, in you, they will live again. Breathe new life into our dry bones, that we, too, might live with you forever. Hear us, O God.

**☞ Your mercy is great.**

**A** According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**A** Let us pray together the words Jesus taught us.

**C 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.**

*Thanksgiving for the Word*

**B** Let us pray

**B** Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke dawn into dusk, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**C we give you thanks and praise.**

**B** By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**C we give you thanks and praise.**

**B** Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,  
**G** we give you thanks and praise.

**B** Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**G** Amen.

## **SENDING**

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### *Blessing*

**B** Beloved, go into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Render unto no one an evil thing for an evil thing. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Comfort the afflicted. Cry out for justice. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and abide in you, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

*(the service continues on the following page)*



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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### Dismissal

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.



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