

Sunday, April 6, 2025
We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

Welcome
Family Life and Work
Family Celebrations
Lighting of the Christ Candle:
Acknowledgement of the Land:

Introit And on This Path

MV 8

**And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!**

**So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,
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Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!**

Lenten Reading:

One: Today is the fifth Sunday in the Christian season of Lent.

Two: We continue our journey with Jesus towards Jerusalem. We hear His third saying from the Cross.

One: After we hear Christ's words, you are invited to spend a few moments pondering what these words may have to say to you.

Two: From John 19: 28:

I thirst.

MOMENT OF SILENCE (~10 SECONDS~)

One: As we extinguish this candle, we reflect on those times when our souls were parched and we thirsted after God. In those thirsty times, we come to know just how much we need the overflowing grace and power of God.

THE CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

Two: Loving God, help us to seek your grace in the presence of the Holy Spirit. When we thirst for you, draw us to the fountain of your love that is known perfectly in Jesu Christ, your Son, our Saviour, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn: Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

VU 234

- 1 Let us with a gladsome mind
 praise our God, forever kind;
 whose great mercies still endure,

 ever faithful, ever sure.**
- 2 God, with all-commanding might,
 filled the newmade world with light;
 for God's mercies still endure,

 ever faithful, ever sure.**
- 3 God has with a gracious eye
 looked upon our misery;
 for God's mercies still endure,

 ever faithful, ever sure.**
- 4 All things living God does feed,
 with full measure meets their need;
 for God's mercies still endure,

 ever faithful, ever sure.**
- 5 Let us then with gladsome mind,
 praise our God, forever kind;
 whose great mercies still endure,

 ever faithful, ever sure.**

Prayer of Approach:

Lord God, how often we have sought to live our lives alone. We think that we have the power to get through every day under our own steam. But then come those moments where we run out of steam, and need your help. In this time of worship make us fully aware that, when we need you, you are there. Be with us now in worship, in Jesus' name we pray, and in His words we say,

The Lord's Prayer (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 for ever and ever. Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16 - 21

Children's Time: "Little Things Make a Big Difference"

Gradual Hymn: Said Judas to Mary

VU 129

- 1 Said Judas to Mary, 'Now what will you do
with your ointment so rich and so rare?'
'I'll pour it all over the feet of the Lord
and I'll wipe it away with my hair,' she said,
'wipe it away with my hair.'**
- 2 'Oh Mary, oh Mary, oh think of the poor -
this ointment, it could have been sold,
and think of the blankets and think of the bread
you could buy with the silver and gold,' he said,
'buy with the silver and gold.'**
- 3 'Tomorrow, tomorrow I'll think of the poor,
tomorrow,' she said, 'not today;
for dearer than all of the poor in the world
is my love who is going away,' she said,
'my love who is going away.'**
- 4 Said Jesus to Mary, 'Your love is so deep,
today you may do as you will.
Tomorrow you say I am going away,
but my body I leave with you still,' he said,
'my body I leave with you still.'**

**5 'The poor of the world are my body,' he said,
 'to the end of the world they shall be;
the bread and the blankets you give to the poor
you'll know, you have given to me,' he said,
 'you'll know you have given to me.'**

**6 'My body will hang on the cross of the world,
 tomorrow,' he said, 'not today,
and Martha and Mary will find me again
and wash all my sorrow away,' he said,
 'wash all my sorrow away.'**

We Listen

Gospel Reading: John 12: 1 – 8

Meditation: "Everything in Its Time"

We Respond

Musical Offering: All in An April Evening

Offertory: For the Gift of Creation

VU 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Offertory/Prayer of Dedication:

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession:

Closing Hymn: Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

VU 421

**1 Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
 Our slavery left behind us,
 new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.**

**2 Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
 We are not lost, though wandering,
 for by your light we come,**

and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

**3 Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
 We pray our sons and daughters
 may journey to that land
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.**

Benedictions and Commissioning

Choral Benediction: Walk With the Lord

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**Walk with the Lord
Go from this place,
Filled with His everlasting grace.**

**Walk with the Lord
Go where He leads
Blessed by His love and His peace.**

**Each day you live,
In all you do,
let the light of Christ be found in you**

**Walk with the Lord
Trust and obey
Go now and serve Him in faith
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**