

**Today's Worship**  
**April 3, 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Rob Bruce

I can sing with my last breath  
Sing for I know  
That I'll sing with the angels  
And the saints around the throne

For me? who him to death pursued!  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Spring is about to break forth!

**P: In all the land, new life is happening!**

L: Feel the wonder and power of God's creative energy

**P: Feel the awe and joy of God's love for us.**

L: Let us worship God with a full sense of joy and expectation.

**P: Let us open our hearts, our spirits, our souls, to God's lavish love.**

**AMEN.**

I am loved by the King  
And it makes my heart  
I am loved by the King  
And it makes my heart want to sing  
Yeah I can sing

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;  
Alive in him, my living Head;  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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**OPENING PRAYERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Karen Hoyt

The petitions are followed by:

**ALL: "Lord in your mercy hear our prayers."**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Dr. Bruce

**MUSIC**

**Hosanna**

All

*(see music sheet)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**MUSIC**

**How Can I Keep from Singing**

All

There is an endless song  
Echoes in my soul  
I hear the music ring  
And though the storms may come  
I am holding on  
To the rock I cling

**LORD'S PRAYER**

All

**Our Father, which 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, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever.**

**SERMON Characters of Lent: Mary (Lazarus' Sister)**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

All

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

How can I keep from singing Your praise  
How can I ever say enough  
How amazing is Your love  
How can I keep from shouting Your name  
I know I am loved by the King  
And it makes my heart (want to sing)

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 12: 1-8 (NRSV)

Rev. Hoyt

Mary Anoints Jesus

**12** Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

**THE EUCHARIST**

**CONFESSION**

Rev. Hoyt

I will lift my eyes  
In the darkest night  
For I know my Savior lives  
And I will walk with You  
Knowing You'll see me through  
And sing the songs You give

I can sing in the troubled times  
Sing when I win  
I can sing when I lose my step  
And fall down again  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up  
Sing 'cause You're there  
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord  
When I call to You in prayer

**MUSIC**

**And Can It Be**

All sing verses 1 and 5  
Wendy Baker, cello solo

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood!  
Died he for me? who caused his pain!

**ABSOLUTION**

**THE INVITATION**

Rev. Dr. Bruce

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minster: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Rev. Hoyt:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth. In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Rev. Dr. Bruce:** Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

**MUSIC Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus All**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

O soul are you weary and troubled  
No light in the darkness you see  
There's light for a look at the Savior  
And life more abundant and free

His word shall not fail you He promised  
Believe Him and all will be well  
Then go to a world that is dying  
His perfect salvation to tell

## DEPART TO SERVE

**BENEDICTION** Rev. Hoyt

Go forth in total devotion to learn, to teach, to serve. Go bringing peace and hope to all in the name of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: We go forth to Love Christ, Love People, and Help People Love Christ.**

**AMEN**



*Loving Christ Loving People Helping People Love Christ*

## *Welcome! We're Glad You're Here!*



We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, filthy rich, dirt poor. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Methodist than Asbury, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion;" we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and you!

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