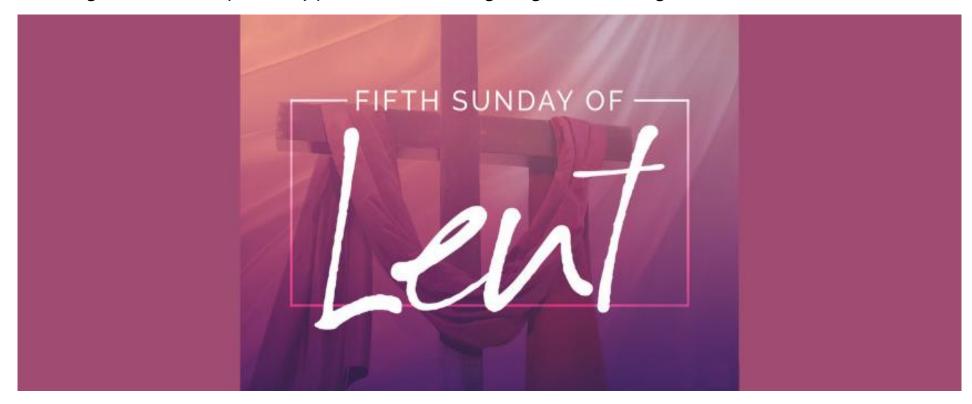


# March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Welcome! Prince of Peace is more than a place on a map. We are a beautiful mosaic of dedicated and diverse people who love Jesus and our neighbors. We care deeply about each other, our community and our world. We are a church on the move with Jesus as our inspiration. Thanks for adding your voice to God's song of love this morning. Once again, welcome!

Partnering in Prayer: Nan Nelson Barbara Sipple Cleo Dillabough
Martha Weld Donna Hesse Betty Schroeder

#### **Prelude**

# Welcome and Prayer

# Opening Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW# 803

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

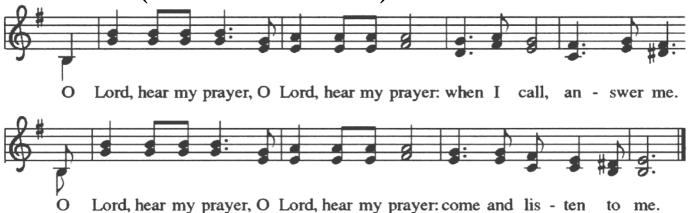
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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# **Greeting:**

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the closeness of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- P: And also with you.

# Litany of Confession (Based on Psalm 51)



L: Have mercy on me, O God, because of your amazing love. You are filled with mercy; wipe away my sins. I've been out of step with you and done what is evil in your sight. I know the mistakes I have made, and my sin is ever before me.

# Sung Response

L: Soak me with your mercy, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I will be like fresh fallen snow. Fill me with joy; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Turn your eyes from my sin and give me a clean bill of health.

# Sung Response

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, & fill me with your life-giving presence.

# Sung Response

#### Absolution

- L: Our God is a great God. He has seen our hearts and given us a Savior. Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all your sins. God has claimed you as His child and He will never let you go.
- P: Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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# Gospel: Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

<sup>1</sup>As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."3When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. 6Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. 7When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs. <sup>24</sup>But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.32But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

L: This is the Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

## Message

# **Endings**

#### **Pastor Rick Sherrill**

# Message Hymn Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow ELW# 327 v.1,3,4

- 1. Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band, singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land. Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light; pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim stepping fearless through the night.
- 3. One the strain that lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one; one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun. One the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore, where the one almighty Father reigns in love forevermore.
- 4. Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; onward, with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its battle till we rest beneath its shade. Soon shall come the great awak'ning; soon the rending of the tomb! Then the scatt'ring of all shadows, and the end of toil and gloom.

# **Prayers of the Community**

# The Celebration of Holy Communion

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

#### **Words of Institution**

# The Lord's Prayer:

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.

# Post Communion Prayer and Benediction

### **Closing Hymn**

# In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW# 324

- 1. In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
- 2. When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
- 4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

#### **Dismissal**

Please stay for fellowship in Gangsei Hall immediately following worship!



#### **POP Announcements**

Thank you for continuing to support Prince of Peace. You can mail offerings to the church office or sign up for online giving. You can also use our Text to Give system – text the amount you want to give to 833-441-0048.







Sunday School is accepting candy donations for the Easter Egg hunt on Sunday March 31st! Please drop donations off in narthex or office by March 25th.

**6th annual Veritas Music Fest**, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 3-9pm, Veritas Prep Academy grassy basin 3102 n 56th St, Phoenix Bring your blanket or chairs. Food for sale by our junior class. \$5 per ticket or \$20 per car load. Prices increase the day of to \$10/\$30. Questions contact Stephanie Beebe 602.931.3206