

Lent 5 - April 5, 2025

Responses of the people are indicated in ***bold/italics***.

Opening Song: #Lord Have Mercy from Mass of Mary Magdalene

LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Mass of St. Mary Magdalene
Sarah Hart*

Cantor; All repeat Cantor; All repeat Cantor; All repeat

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Teri: Let us continue as one expression of God's people.
+ Father, Son, Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Teri: May the Love of God, the peace of our brother Jesus, and the communion and friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

(Teri Adlib)

Penitential Rite:

Teri: Let us take time to reflect.....God we reflect on the times when we failed to love you with our whole hearts, our whole souls and our whole minds? Lord have mercy ***Lord have mercy***

Jesus we reflect on the times when we failed to love our neighbors as we love ourselves? Christ have mercy ***Christ have mercy***

Spirit we reflect on the times when we failed to love our enemies?
Lord have mercy ***Lord have mercy***

My friends, our God of compassion shares with us this Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life

eternal. Sins are forgiven and grace is shared. Be refreshed and renewed + in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. Together now we pray. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer:

Teri: Let us pray.....Loving God, On this Lenten Journey, we walk with you assured that you walk with us. May our hearts be close to you. May our worship come from those hearts, filled with love and hope that we share not only with You, but with Your world. God, transform those places in our hearts where we hesitate. In our brother Jesus' name we pray: **Amen.**

Teri: Let us all be seated now, as we listen to some stories from our Scripture.

First Reading: - Adelida

Our first reading is from the Book of Esther.

Esther, who had been taken into exile, was, under hidden identity, made queen of her captors. After hearing a royal plan to destroy her people, she was as seized with a mortal anguish and fled to God for refuge.

She prayed to the God of her people, saying:

“O God, You alone are my God. Help me, who am alone, and have no helper but You, for my very life is in my hands. From birth, I have heard of Your wonderful deeds and fulfilled promises to our people. But now there are those who are not satisfied with having oppressed us into bitter slavery; they have sworn an oath to their idols to destroy Your people, Your inheritance, to stop the mouths of those who praise You, and to extinguish Your altar and the glory of Your house.

Remember us, O God! Make Yourself known in this time of Your people's distress. And give me courage, O God of all gods, and

true ruler of every power. Put persuasive words in my mouth when I enter this lion's den, that I might put an end to their plot. Holy One, You are all-prevailing, listen to the cry of those driven to despair. Save us from the power of evil and deliver me from my fear!"

This has been a reading from the Book of Esther.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116: #63 Our Blessing Cup

Psalm 116: Our Blessing-Cup

Refrain



Verses

1. How can I make a return to the Lord for all God has done for me?
The cup of salvation I will take up, I will call on the name of the Lord.
2. Precious, indeed, in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones;
and I am your servant, your chosen one, for you have set me free.
3. Unto your name I will offer my thanks for the debt that I owe to you.
In the presence of all who have called on your name,
in the courts of the house of the Lord.

Text: Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-19; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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Second Reading: - Quinn

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians (3:8-14)

I consider everything as loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus. I have accepted the loss of all things. I consider them rubbish that I may gain the Christ and be found in Christ. I have no righteousness of my own based on the law. The only righteousness I have is from God. It comes through, and is dependent on, faith in Christ. I long to know the Christ and share

in Jesus' sufferings. I long to know the power of the resurrection. I long to become like Jesus in his death so that, somehow, I too may attain the resurrection from the dead.


It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained full maturity. I continue my pursuit in hope that I may complete it, since I have indeed been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. Beloved, again, I do not consider myself to have reached oneness with Christ. I focus on just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead. I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's cosmic call in Christ Jesus.

This has been a reading from the Letter to the Philippains.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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Gospel: - Teri

Teri: May the Word of Christ be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Teri: A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John (8:2-11)
Glory to You, O God.

Early one morning, at daybreak, Jesus went to the Temple. All the people started gathering round, so he sat down and began to teach them. The religious scholars and authorities brought with them a woman who had been caught in adultery.

Making her stand before all of them, they said to Jesus: "Teacher,

this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now, in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. What do you say about it?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. As they persisted in their questioning, he stood up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

Once again, he bent down and wrote on the ground; but, at his words, they all went away, one by one, starting with the oldest among them until the last one had gone.

Jesus was left alone with the woman, still standing before him. Jesus stood up again and said to her, "Sister, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go on your way."

This has been a reading from the Gospel according to John.
Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily: Teri

Prayers of the People: - Adelida and Quinn

Quinn: Our response today is: God of new beginnings, nurture us.
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Quinn: For our world. That leaders of communities may prioritize the needs of the most vulnerable and act with justice and mercy towards all. We pray: ***God of new beginnings, nurture us.***

Adelida: For the global church and all people of faith. That we may put aside our differences and be reconciled to one another as we work together to bring God's peace and healing to places most in need. We pray: ***God of new beginnings, nurture us.***

Quinn: For Light of Christ and its people. That we may listen to the Holy Spirit moving among us as we discern how to follow God's call together. We pray: ***God of new beginnings, nurture us.***

Adelida: For those who are sick, (especially____). For those who are lonely and thirst for human connection, or a deeper experience of the Divine. That God's spirit may enter their hearts and serve as a healing balm in their time of need. We pray: ***God of new beginnings, nurture us.***

Quinn: For those who have died (especially____). That they may rest peacefully in eternal joy with their Creator. And for all who grieve a loss. That the love of family and friends may bring comfort during this time. We pray: ***God of new beginnings, nurture us.***

Adelida: Now, Fr. Teri will lead us in the prayers that have been typed in the comments.....(PAUSE.....)

Adelida: For these and for all the prayers we share through our hearts, we pray: ***God of new beginnings, nurture us.***

Quinn: In addition, Prayer Partners will be available after Mass here in the Sanctuary by the back altar. For those at home, or those who have a prayer to share during the week, you can email our Prayer Companion Team at prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org and someone will reach out to you. These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words.

Sign of Peace:

Offertory: #400, #401 Adoramus te Christe/Tree of Life medley
 (Sing refrain of #400. Since V1 of #401. Sing Lente verse of #401. Return to refrain of #400 singing as a round 3 times.)

Adoramus Te Christe

Canon Refrain



1. A - do - ra - mus te Chri - ste, 2. a - do - ra - mus te Chri - ste,
 3. a - do - ra - mus te Chri - ste, a - do - ra - mus Chri - ste.

Verses



1. A - do - ra - mus te Chri - ste, et be - ne -
 di - ci - mus ti - bi, 2. Qui - a per san - ctam
 Cru - cem tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum.

Text: Antiphon from Good Friday Liturgy; *We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*
 Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

Tree of Life



1. Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, In your
 2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, May we
 3. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, Love passed
 4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, Come in -
 5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stum - bling



death we are re - born, Though you die in all of
 see our - selves in you, If we learn to live your
 on through act and word, Ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 flame our hearts a - new, We may all your joy in -
 though our steps may be, One with you in joy and



his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you
 sto - ry We may die to rise a - new, We may
 bro - ken Wears the bod - y of our Lord, Wears the
 her - it If we bear the cross with you, If we
 sor - row, We the riv - er, you the sea, We the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 die to rise a - new.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 bear the cross with you.
 riv - er, you the sea.

Lenten Verses

General: Light of life beyond conceiving, Mighty Spirit of our Lord;
 Give new strength to our believing, Give us faith to live your word.

1st Sunday: From the dawning of creation, You have loved us as your own;
 Stay with us through all temptation, Make us turn to you alone.

2nd Sunday: In our call to be a blessing, May we be a blessing true;
 May we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do.

3rd Sunday: Living Water of salvation, Be the fountain of each soul;
 Springing up in new creation, Flow in us and make us whole.

4th Sunday: Give us eyes to see you clearly, Make us children of your light;
 Give us hearts to live more nearly As your gospel shining bright.

5th Sunday: God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death;
 Hold us close through each tomorrow, Love as near as every breath.

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine and other food from our cupboards to place on your tables. Work of earth and human hands. May these be-come our spiritual food and drink. ***Blessed be God forever.***

Teri: Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. These gifts have sometimes traveled through the mail to get here, and other times through pockets, purses, and backpacks. They represent our entire lives. May they be-come the Light of Christ in your world. ***Blessed by God forever.***

Teri: Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

ALL: ***May God accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's world.***

Teri: Let us all rise in body or spirit.

Teri: The peace of our God is with you all. ***And also with you.***

Teri: Open your hearts. ***We open them to our God.***

Teri: Let us give thanks to our Loving God. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Eucharistic Prayer:

Teri: Gracious God, source and sustenance of life, redeeming presence to the pain and brokenness of our world, you break open the boundaries of heaven and earth through your Incarnation. You join us in the human experience so Creator and Creation are one, and the earth as it spins is Your Prayer Bead.

You hold our hand, wipe our tears, and walk in our streets. You call us beloved, and release your healing power upon us and all we pray for today. You light up our ways with wise and holy people, and gather us together to be Light as well. This Lent may we create a new spaciousness for You in our lives, not focused on what we give up, but what we can add to our lives with You. For all you bring to our lives, and for all we seek, we acclaim your love and greatness, and we join with all creation, and share our voices with the choirs of angels and shepherds coming together as we sing:

HOLY

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Teri: God of Bread and Wine,

You are most Holy. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and what we do here gathered at tables throughout your world knowing that all tables are Your Table. May we be touched by your Spirit, to be signs of love and peace to one another, and to the world. + Let

also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine, food before us, to make them holy so that these may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - ***"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."***

That same night, Jesus also took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his disciples, saying, ***"Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood. The blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me. "***

Teri: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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Teri:

Together with God, we are the Body of Christ.

We come together and we remember, because remembering is part of the journey of life. In remembering we recall how the

Incarnation joined all of creation in love. Like You, our God, we strive to join with all of creation in love. We profess that all are welcome here, and we recognize your diversity, Amma God, in our midst. We are all your beloved children. The bread we break and the cup we share are symbols of our world of abundance where all are invited to partake of the fullness of life. May we recognize that life and Your Holy and Radiant Light, O Fully Present God.

So grant, Abba God, that in union with all peoples, living and dead, laity, clergy, and bishops, especially Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul.....we may strive to create a world where suffering and pain are diminished, where justice and peace are restored, and where all people can live in health and wholeness, united in acclaiming the God of life, the God who shares Light with the world, who created an earth that spins, and whose abundance is offered to each and to all.

(Lift elements)

Teri: Together let us say:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.

AMEN

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A - men, a - men, a - men,
a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

Teri: Let us join our hearts together in love, and pray in the words that have been prayed with Jesus for centuries:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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 Kin(g)dom, the power, and the glory, now and forever.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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Teri: This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. This is the one who transforms us. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

God, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

(Invitation to Communion)

Teri: *Gives general instructions for Communion ending with.....*The most important thing is that you know that you are welcome here. For those who join us from home, receive the grace that God shares with you on this day.

Communion Song: #806 Eat This Bread

Eat This Bread

Refrain

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Eat This Bread'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The first system of music is labeled 'Refrain' and has the lyrics 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.' The second system of music has the lyrics 'Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with block chords and simple melodic lines.

Text: John 6; adapt. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, and the Taizé Community
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Prayer after Communion:

Teri: Please rise in body or spirit. And let us pray.....

Teri: Let us pray...God, we have shared this meal together. This meal where you have offered to us, bread, wine, and other food from our own cupboards. May this meal nourish us to grow in love and compassion for one another, your diverse people, and to

work together that all may be One in You. We offer this prayer through our brother, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Teri: The Love of God be with you.

And also with you.

Teri: Please open your hearts, as we ask for God's blessing.

Teri: Receive the blessing of dignity that Jesus shares with you. Know that you are not condemned, and that God shares grace with you lavishly. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Teri: We are the Light of Christ. **We are the Light of Christ.**

Let us go forth as such. **Let us go forth as such.**

Loving and serving God. **Loving and serving God.**

As we get to love and serve in God's world.

As we get to love and serve in God's world.

Thanks be to God. **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song: #397 The Glory of These Forty Days

The Glory of These Forty Days



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days
2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw
3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight,
4. Then grant that we like them be true,



We cel - e - brate with songs of praise;
The lov - ing God who gave the law;
De - liv - ered from the li - on's might;
Con - sumed in fast and prayer with you;



For Christ, by whom all things were made,
And to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came
And John, the Bride-groom's friend, be - came
Our spir - its strength - en with your grace,



Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
And give us joy to see your face.