## 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 6TH, 2025

9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite 1

Prelude: Organist Phill Sterling

Opening Hymn A Mighty Fortress is Our God, Verse 1 688 (blue book)

#### The Word of God

Opening Sentences, Rite 1 323 (red book)
Gloria in Excelsis 324 (red book)
Collect of the Day 5th Sunday in Lent 167 (red book)

#### First Lesson—Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me. the jackals and the ostriches: for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**Reader**: The word of the Lord **People**: Thanks be to God



#### Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \* then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \* and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, \*

"The Lord has done great things for them."

4 The Lord has done great things for us, \* and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*

like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears \* will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \* will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

# Second Lesson —Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Gradual Hymn Just As I Am Without One Plea, Verses 1-3 693 (blue book)

## Gospel—John 12:1-8

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**People**: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 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. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (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.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*Priest*: The Gospel of the Lord *People*: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Homily Fr. Joe M. Hannah

Nicene Creed 327 (red book)

Prayers of the People Insert

Confession of Sin 331 (red book)

The Peace 332 (red book)

Announcements and Birthday/Anniversary Prayers

Offertory

# The Holy Communion

Preparation	of the T	Table C	Organ	Interlude
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The Great Thanksgiving — Prayer 1	333 (red book)
The Lord's Prayer	336 (red book)
Breaking of the Bread	337 (red book)

### Communion Instrumental

All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, and including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead please cross your arms across your chest.

Post-Communion Prayer	339 (red book)	
Blessing		
Closing Hymn Just As I Am Without One Plea, Verses 4-6	693 (blue book)	
Dismissal	340 (red book)	



#### WELCOME TO GRACE

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and ask that you complete a card from pews or sign the visitor book (located in the front of the building). We are glad that you are here today.

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