

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

Christ Church

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Prelude

Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: Deuteronomy 33:26-27a

There is no one like the God of Jeshurun,

Who rides the heavens to help you,

And in His excellency on the clouds.

The eternal God is your refuge,

And underneath are the everlasting arms;

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 12 (page 14)

Q. Why is He called "Christ" meaning "anointed"?

A. Because He has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance; our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of His body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom He has won for us.

Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in His anointing. I am anointed to confess His name, to present myself to Him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.

Call to Confession: Psalm 51:16-17 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, we confess that we have not cherished and imitated the Messiah by whom we are saved. Forgive us, for in our pride we have thought too highly of ourselves, and we have failed to yield to Him all the obedience, honor and love that is due our holy Prophet, Priest and King. We who claim to benefit from His sacrifice on the cross have neglected our calling to confess His Name before others, offer ourselves as living sacrifices, and make war on sin with the resolve proper for one who will reign with Christ for eternity. Cleanse us and turn our hearts humbly toward Yourself. We pray in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

Kyrie: (recited, not sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon: Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri: (recited, not sung)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, pour out Your Spirit on us so that we might partake of Christ in increasing measure, boldly confessing Jesus as Lord and giving ourselves to worship so that You might bear much fruit through us. We pray in His Name. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 44:1-5 (page 643)

***Gospel Lesson:** Mark 1:4-8 (page 882)

Missions Moment

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Isaiah 44:1-5

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison): 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude