

CELEBRATING THE SABBATH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020 at 10 o'clock



But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:6

PRELUDE

Prayer to Our Lady

Leon Böellman

SHARING OUR WELCOME VIRTUALLY

WE COME TO WORSHIP

Stirring within us is a longing to be loved.

God says: "you are my beloved."

Aching within us is our desire for our soul's home.

God says: "Come unto me, for you will find rest unto your very souls..."

Rising within us is our search for a vision larger than the pressing moment.

God says, "I will give you a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to guide you."

Brewing within us is a yearning for community.

God says: "I have called you by name and given you one another to love."

Being born within us is a song of hope and a melody of promises fulfilled.

HYMN

What Wondrous Love is This (verses 1-3)

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Join as you are able!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking
down; when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for
my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing! To God and to
the Lamb, who is the great "I Am," while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while
millions join the theme, I will sing!

OPENING PRAYER

Oh God, the sculptor of our souls, you have promised to be present where two or three gather in your name. All of us are in an unfamiliar time, remind us now of your love, help us to see again your unexpected presence among us. Be with us we pray, as we gather virtually, not in the same room, not in the same moment, not as we have prayed before. Help us in this time to find our place in your great cloud of witnesses. You call us to join you at the banquet of life, help us to find our place at that table, and give us the wherewithal to prepare a place for those who are still on their way.

SELECTION

Hold to God's Unchanging Hand
Nicole Dickinson, soloist

arr. Paul Halley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON

Coming Home

Rev. Erica Avena

A TIME OF 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 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

RESPONDING WITH OUR GIFTS

Offertory

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig
("Oh Lamb of God Unspotted")

Johann Pachelbel

Doxology, Words: Hymnal, No. 47; Tune: Hymnal, No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN

Amazing Grace 3 verses

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Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved,
how precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come,
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata

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