

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

April 3, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ministry Assistants Today:

Lector: *Omega Moore*

Intercessor: *Charles Moore*

Usher: *Bob Jenkins*

Altar Guild: *Jeanette Woehr*

[Silence for prayer and preparation]

(+standing; ++ sitting; +++ sitting or kneeling as you are able)

Prelude

+Opening Hymn # 469 *There is a Wideness in God's Mercy* Hymnal 1982

+Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins BCP pg. 351

People: His mercy endures forever.

Confession and Absolution

BCP Pg. 352

+Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

++The Lessons *(attached)*

Omega Moore

Gradual Hymn # 474 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Hymnal 1982

+The Gospel

++Sermon Extravagant Love and Unbound Gratitude

Rev. Koshy Mathews

+An Affirmation of Faith

BCP pg. 358

+++Prayers of the People - Form III *(attached)*

Charles Moore

+++Concluding Collect

+The Peace

++Offertory Hymn

+Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

+The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

+The Blessing

+Closing Hymn # 382

King of Glory, King of Peace

Hymnal 1982

+The Dismissal

Postlude

The Lessons

First Reading – 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All 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 Reading – 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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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John** (12:1-8)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you, Lord Christ

Prayers of the People - Form III

Celebrant Sisters and brothers in Christ, for the sake of the world that God so loves, let us pray.

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, and for the peace talks on Ukraine.

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, especially in our search for a new rector.

People God's compassion does not fail, and his mercy is new every morning.

Intercessor Let us pray for healing for **George, Nick, Bill, Bobbi, David, Siobhan, The McHoul Family, Fran, Fox, Erika, Connie, Margie, Jerry, Bonnie, Jack, and Barb.** *(silence)*

Let us pray for the healing of all who are suffering from the virus and other diseases.

Also, for our own needs, and those of others. *(silence)*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest, especially **Florence Closky**. We also pray for the souls of all who died in the Pandemic.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.