



CHURCH OF THE  
**REDEEMER**

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 29, 2020

## A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

### Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God  
A bulwark never failing  
Our helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow'r are great  
And armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

### Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide  
Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right Man on our side  
The Man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be  
Christ Jesus it is He  
Lord Sabaoth His name  
From age to age the same  
And He must win the battle

### Verse 3

And tho' this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph thru us  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

### Verse 4

That word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thru Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill  
God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

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*Officiant: God is our refuge and strength,*  
**All: A very present help in trouble.**

Psalm 46:1

*Officiant: Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession*

*Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

**People: Most merciful God,**  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## KYRIE ELEISON (LORD HAVE MERCY)

*Kyrie Eleison*   **Kyrie Eleison**  
*Christe Eleison*   **Christe Eleison**

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*Officiant: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Officiant: 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 this 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.*

## JOHN 11:18-44

<sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that

she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Holy Bible, ESV

*Reader: The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## HOMILY

Barbie Anderson

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader: We pray to you, O Lord.*

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

## THE LORD'S 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT

**All:** Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## THE OFFERTORY

*In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to set up direct deposit from your bank account, please contact [Rekah Jones](mailto:Rekah.Jones@oftheredeemerbrezechms.com), our parish administrator. You may give online here: <https://oftheredeemerbrezechms.com/give/online>*

*Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,*

**People:** And of your own have we given you.

## HERE IS LOVE

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### Verse 1

Here is love vast as the ocean  
Loving kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of life our ransom  
Shed for us His precious blood  
Who His love will not remember  
Who can cease to sing His praise  
He will never be forgotten  
Throughout heav'n's eternal days

### Verse 2

On the mount of crucifixion  
Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's  
mercy  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers  
Poured incessant from above  
Heaven's peace and perfect justice  
Kissed a guilty world in love

### Verse 3

Let me all Thy love accepting,  
Love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only  
And my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shall be my glory,  
Nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me,  
Thou Thyself hast set me free.

### Verse 4

In His truth He does direct me  
By His Spirit through His Word  
And His grace my need is meeting  
As I trust in Him, my Lord  
All His fullness He is pouring  
In His love and power in me  
Without measure full and boundless  
As I yield myself to Thee.

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## ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY

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### Verse 1

Now the days and hours and moments  
Of our suff'ring seem so long;  
And the toilsome wait and wond'ring  
Threaten silence to our song.  
Now our pain is real and pressing  
Where our faith is thin and weak,  
But our hope is set on Jesus;  
And we cling to him, our strength.

### Verse 2

Oh eternal weight of glory!  
Oh inheritance divine!  
We will see our Lord redeeming  
Every past and future time.  
All our pains will be transfigured,  
Like the scars of Christ our Lord.  
We will see the weight of glory,  
And our broken years restored.

### Chorus

For behold! I tell a myst'ry:  
At the trumpet sound we'll wake  
"Death is swallowed up in vict'ry!"  
When we meet our King of Grace  
Every year we thought was wasted  
Every night we cried "How long?"  
All will be a passing moment  
In our Savior's vict'ry song

### Verse 3

We will see our wounded Savior.  
We'll behold him face to face;  
And we'll hear our anguished stories  
Sung as vict'ry songs of grace.

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*Priest: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People: And with your spirit.**

*Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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*In today's liturgy, you may notice that "and also with you" has been replaced with "and with your spirit." "The Lord be with you," and the response, "And with your spirit." is a direct translation from the Greek of Galatians 6:18. This translation and its use in worship is shared by Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and most Anglican Christians. Especially in this time when we are physically separated from each other, "and with your spirit" helps to convey that the greeting is more than a formal "hello" but is actually a form of prayer and blessing. May the peace of the Lord be always with you!*

## HOLY WEEK

Fronds for Palm Sunday and other resources for celebration of Holy Week will be distributed at the church next weekend. Read this coming week's Tuesday and Thursday email touchpoints for additional details. If you are not subscribed to Church of the Redeemer's email communication, please [contact Bekah Jones](#), our parish administrator.

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## WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP IN EXTRAORDINARY TIMES

In light of altered schedules and an increased need for worship and fellowship we are increasing the frequency of worship to three times-a-week. You may participate by dial-in or via internet with audio and video. Each time of worship will follow a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes with a unique emphasis. Login information and a downloadable orders of service will be available at:

<https://oftheredeemer.org/events/>

Sunday, 4:30 p.m.,

[Emphasis: God's Word for us.](#)

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.,

[Emphasis: Prayer.](#)

Friday, Noon,

[Emphasis: Testimony.](#)

## PASTORAL CARE & BENEVOLENCE

A care team has been established to help maintain connections and encouragement within the church body, and to support one another in mission to neighbors, friends, and family. Please contact Fr. Paul, Deacon Liz, or Deacon Dawn if you are in need or are aware of someone who has immediate needs for food, transportation, housing, or healthcare.

## DAILY DEVOTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

- Join with Bishop Stewart and other members of our diocese in praying Psalm 46 each day.
- For individual and household worship, [Family Prayer](#) (p.67), or [Morning & Evening Prayer](#) (p.11, 41) in [The Book of Common Prayer – 2019](#) are rich liturgical resources.