

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2022
9:30 a.m.**



We Gather in Jesus' Name

Prelude (a time for silent meditation)

Announcements

Confessions and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, (†) the sign marked at baptism, as Pastor Matt begins.

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

Teach us to follow in your ways,

assure us again of your love,

and help us to love our neighbor.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.

In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "The Wonderful Cross"

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain, I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet?
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown

Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live
Oh the wonderful Cross, oh the wonderful Cross
All who gather here by grace, draw near and bless Your name

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert.
Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the
extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The Reading of God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 (Read by the Worship Assistant)

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I 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.

²⁰The 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,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 126 (*Read together*)

¹When 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.**

Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (*Read by the Worship Assistant*)

^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus..

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

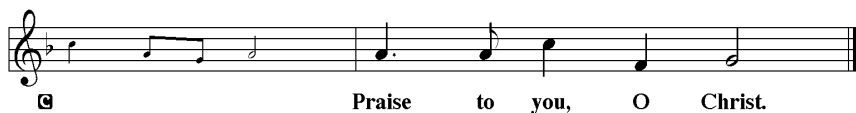
P: The Holy Gospel according to John the twelfth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary 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. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(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.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial." ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Praise: "At the Cross"

There's a place
Where mercy reigns
And never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace
Flow deep and wide
Where all the love
I've ever found
Comes like a flood
Comes flowing down

At the cross, at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You
I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red
And my sin washed white
I owe all to You
I owe all to You Jesus

There's a place
Where sin and shame
Are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God
And forgiveness
Where all the love
I've ever found
Comes like a flood
Comes flowing down

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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 power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. 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 Intercession

Each prayer ends with . . . Merciful God, the congregation responds: **receive our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The Offering Please leave your offering on our website: https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Dc8dzPGn4-LCajFevTkh9MYPCImH2sG-idxWYJMFgw_IQfxkD4hBw8W0Q6UZLveQvLkSxosar2o939JWiAad87o7zqy-JU_UuLu19bUbJx2MmPFcXvWIUz6A7FDgkhUKk0PpduXvnt8gXUeZjQYbn9G3frHWC59Y_VCHQ6_VCoE=&ver=3

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.

Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.

Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...stays (*preface continues with words for the season and concludes...*)
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Distribution

The body of Christ, given to you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray... Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: "Trading My Sorrows"

I'm trading my sorrow
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Amen

I'm trading my sorrow
I'm trading my shame
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I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
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Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord, Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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OUR MISSION – FAITHFUL IN THE WORD	
+ To gather as God’s people and nurture one another	
+ To know the Word of God	
+ To grow in faith, love, and service	
+ To go into the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ	

SERVING OUR LORD IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	The Rev. Matthew E. Ollikainen
Music Director	Michael Dettra
Worship Assistant	John Flint



ALTAR FLOWERS The Altar Flowers are presented by Fran Kelly Zanis in memory of brother, Paul J. Kelly’s birthday, and to the Glory of God.



NUEVA CREACIÓN MISSION SUPPORT

Support of Nueva Creación Lutheran Church in Philadelphia for this week is presented to the Glory of God.



MEN’S BREAKFAST GROUP SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Hope our favorite sausage maker is back. In any case men's breakfast will take place on **Saturday, April 9** starting at 8:30. Coffee is ready by 7:30. **Dave**



COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Community Good Friday Service, Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday, April 15, 12:00 p.m. at St Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Church in Richboro. Area clergy & lay leaders including Pastor Matt and Gail Oines will be involved. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend.



MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Prayer is the theme for worship this season of Lent. Prayer is about talking with God. It is also about listening to God and opening ourselves up to God. This year's mid-week Lenten worship services are a worship series called "Open My Life, Lord". Service will be held in person and online this year Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. March 9th through April 6th.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82926096221?pwd=bDd2NkdmVUxZOFQ2VUZXR3p1OWQvdz09>



MID WEEK LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Gather at church during the season of Lent for soup and fellowship before the mid week Lenten worship service. The Soup Suppers will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall on Wednesdays, March 9th through April 6th. Please sign up at church to bring soup, bread or drinks. Please contact Gail Oines with any questions or concerns 215-534-8218.



EASTER LILIES

The sign up sheet to place Easter Lilies on the alter for Easter Sunday is on the table in the narthex until **April 10**. Cost is \$15 per plant.



PING PONG - APRIL 12 AND 26 AT 6:30 P.M.

All are welcome to join us for an evening of Ping Pong at the church on Tuesdays, April 12 and April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ray Heiss or Pastor Matt for additional information.



STITCH CLUB SATURDAYS 10:00 A.M.

Stitch club meets on Saturdays at **10:00 a.m. (weather permitting)**. Stitch club is open to all who would like to join. If you like to knit, crochet, or do needlepoint, this is for you!

If you would need anything **throughout the year** from the Stitch Club for babies or the elderly i.e. blankets, scarves, etc, please contact Hanna McCollum at 215-962-9032 or Jeff Jobses at 215-355-4149.

CONTACTING PASTOR MATT

If you need to speak with Pastor Matt when he is not in the office, particularly in the case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to call his cell phone 215-859-3778 or by email at pastor@adventrichboro.org. If he is not available to take your call, leave a message and he will contact you.



FILL A TRAY AT MEALTIME

Look for aluminum trays on the tables in our narthex. Take some home to await any meal that has one serving left – or perhaps you've made extra food on purpose! Fill the 3 sections, add the foil cover, plus the label and bag that come with the tray. Voila! A meal for a shut-in or a person in need! There were a total of 35 meals donated and delivered in February and March. Thanks to those who gave of their time to help those in need.



DRIVE in AND DROP off FOOD COLLECTION

If you have food for the Warminster Food Pantry that you or your friends would like to donate and the church is not open, just drive in and drop off the food under the seat of the bench outside the front door. You may still bring food into the church narthex during church and office hours. A list of the pantry's most needed items is in the narthex or on the website

www.warminsterfoodbank.org. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

There are numerous dates available for 2022 to dedicate flowers to beautify the altar each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex with your name and dedication. Two bouquets are available each week. The cost is \$25 per bouquet. In addition to making the altar more beautiful, you take the flowers home after the late service to enjoy

during the week. If you have any questions call Cindy Frey 267-205-0713.



MISSION SUPPORT FOR 2022

The sign-up sheets Mission Support dedications for 2022 are in the narthex. The cost to dedicate one bouquet is \$25.00. One week of Mission support is \$25.00. There are many openings available on the Mission Support chart for 2022.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - Wednesday, March 23 and Sunday, March 27

March 23	7:00 p.m.	15	Total 18
March 27	8:00 a.m.	21	9:30 a.m. 26 Total 47

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - APRIL 3

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open
- 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

MONDAY, APRIL 4

- 7:30 p.m. A.A. Open Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

- 6:00 p.m. Mid Week Lenten Soup Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Mid Week Lenten Service
(Can be attended by zoom - see page 8)

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

- 7:30 p.m. A.A. Step Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Stitch Club Meets

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Contemporary Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Open
10:45 a.m. Church Council Meeting