

Wednesday, April 1, 2020 By Faith

WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS

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WEEK OF LENT 5: JESUS, THE PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH

Enduring the cross, Jesus became "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." How does the way of the cross define our faith?

DIALOGUE

- P: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways, by the prophets,
- C: but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.
- P: He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being,
- C: and he sustains all things by his powerful word.
- P: Since we have confidence by the new and living way opened for us by Jesus,
- C: let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

GATHERING SONG

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus





Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide. Je - sus, here share your woe; help me there your joy know. Ι to Je - sus, here with you Ι die, there to live with you on high. Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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your pres-ence con-stant-ly,

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liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

OPENING PRAYER

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Journey with us, O holy God, as we continue our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray.
- C: Amen.

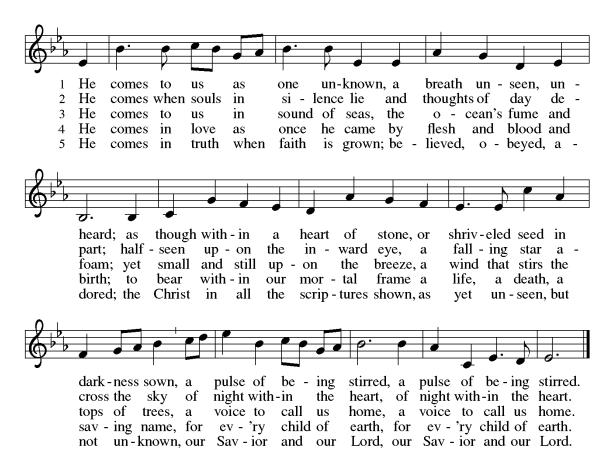
HEBREWS 12:1-2

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

- P: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
- C the conviction of things not seen.

HOMILY

He Comes to Us as One Unknown



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OFFERING

PRAYERS

P: Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

- P: Faithful God, shower the world with your lovingkindness,
- C: that all may know your peace.
- P: Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors,
- C: that all may know your love.
- P: Comfort the sick and dying,
- C: that all may know your mercy.
- P: Guide our leaders in the way of truth,
- C: that all may know your justice.
- P: Focus our hearts on the way of the cross,
- C: that all may have faith in you.
- P: Let us pray in the words of Martin Luther:
- C: Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

 (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 87)

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.

Our Father, who art in heaven,



BLESSING

- P: Let us bless the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

tears a - way,

trust re-move;

DISMISSAL

P: Let us go forth in Peace sharing the sign of the Peace.

let

bear

me

me

safe

nor

oh,

C: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

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ev - er stray from thee

a - bove, a

ran - somed

side.

soul!