

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WATERTOWN, NEW YORK

Christ is the real agent in worship... our high priest, who by his vicarious sacrifice for our sins, cleanses us and sanctifies us that he might lead us into the holy presence of the Father—the Holy of Holies. This is how we must understand both baptism and the Lord’s Supper, through which we participate in what he has done for us, once and for all, and is continuing to do, when, at his command, we take the visible elements of water, bread and wine. Christ baptizes us by the Spirit that we might participate in his cleansing of our humanity and enter into his body, the communion of the saints. At the Lord’s Supper, he brings his passion to our remembrance and draws us into wonderful communion—holy communion—with the Father, with himself and with one another, [a foretaste of the certain hope] of our life in the kingdom of God, nourishing our faith “till he come.”

~James Torrance,
Worship, Community, and the Triune God of Grace

APRIL 6, 2025
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are glad you decided to come and worship our God and Father through his Son Jesus Christ by His Spirit with us today!

We want you to feel welcome, and we've prepared this guide to help you enter body and soul into worship. We deeply believe that worship is not just watching and listening; we are called to be active and engaged in the dialog between the covenant God who speaks and his people who respond. Please note:

- the words of Scripture are in *italics*,
 - **boldface type** indicates congregational participation,
 - words in *red* are guides to what's happening, and
 - the † symbol means everyone stands, as able.
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If you are a visitor, please take a moment to scan the QR code below and fill out the form. We want to acknowledge your presence today with a note of thanks. Please let us know if there is a way we may be of help or encouragement to you today.



Also, we have coffee and snacks in the fellowship hall following worship. We hope you will stay for a while so that we can get to know one another a little bit.

LORD'S DAY DIVINE SERVICE

The Welcome and Announcements, p. 20ff

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

~ Deuteronomy 7:9

The Prelude

*Take a moment to prepare in silence for worship
and to pray for God's assistance to worship him rightly.*

GOD CALLS US | WE GATHER TOGETHER AND PRAISE HIM

The Apostolic Greeting

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

† The Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,

Amen!

The LORD be with you!

And with your spirit!

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. Let us worship God.

† The Psalm of Praise

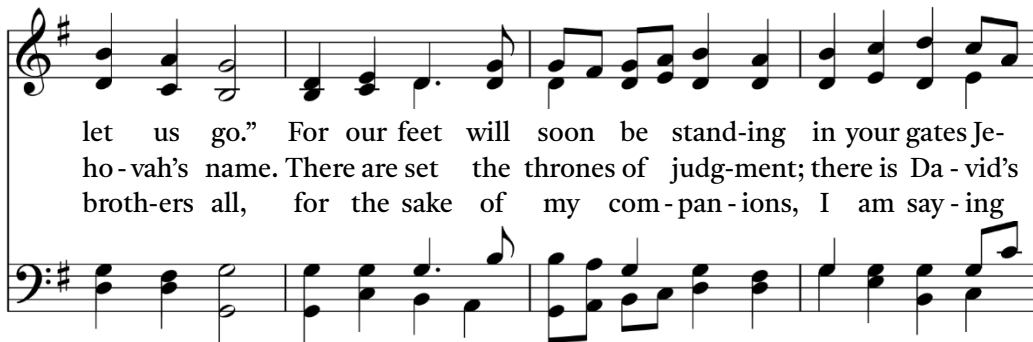
Psalm 122: I Was Glad

† Please stand, as able

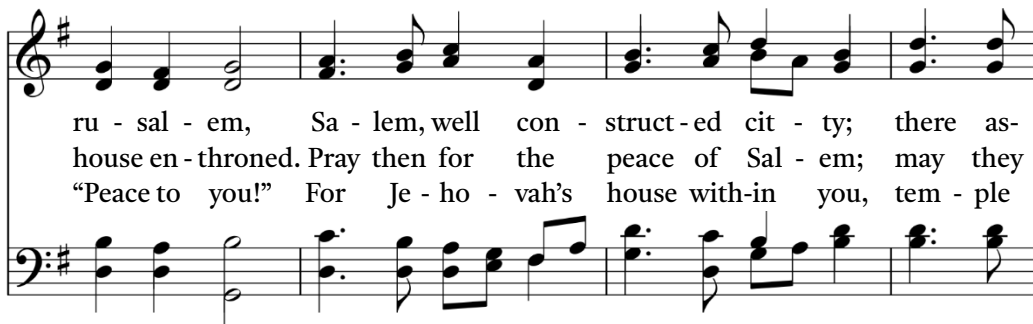
Psalm 122: I Was Glad



1. I was glad to hear them say - ing, "To the LORD's house
2. This the or - di - nance for Is - r'el, here to thank Je -
3. In your pal - ac - ces be safe - ty. For the sake of



let us go." For our feet will soon be stand - ing in your gates Je -
ho - vah's name. There are set the thrones of judg - ment; there is Da - vid's
broth - ers all, for the sake of my com - pan - ions, I am say - ing



ru - sal - em, Sa - lem, well con - struct - ed cit - ty; there as -
house en - throned. Pray then for the peace of Sal - em; may they
"Peace to you!" For Je - ho - vah's house with - in you, tem - ple



sem - ble all the tribes. (*all the tribes*) Tribes that are Je - ho - vah's own.
pros - per who love you. (*who love you*) Be there peace with in your walls.
of the LORD our God, (*LORD our God*) I will ev - er seek your good.

†The Opening Prayer

Prayers for Common Worship (1936)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

O Lord our God, who delights in your people: Ignite our hearts with the thought of your goodness and send on us the spirit of wonder, adoration, and prayer, that we might worthily praise you in our union with him who suffered and went down to death that he might open for us the gates of everlasting life—even our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. AMEN.

†The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

GOD CLEANSSES US | WE CONFESS OUR SINS

The Call to Confession

Joel 2:12-13

Remembering that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin, let us with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

“Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments,” declares the LORD.

Let us return to the LORD our God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

The Confession of Sin, *in unison*

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin, which is very great. Return us to the paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ our Lord...

Take a moment of silence to confess your particular sins to God through Jesus Christ our Advocate and Shield who sits at the God's right hand.

The Proclamation of Forgiveness

Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you, brothers and sisters, that through this man, Christ Jesus, forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

The Prayer for Grace

Order of Worship, Reformed Church in the US (1866)

Let us lift up our hearts to God in heaven.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

Let us pray together to the Lord:

Almighty and most merciful God, who has given your Son to die for our sins and to obtain forgiveness and redemption for us through his own blood: Let the merit of this spotless sacrifice, we beseech you, purge our consciences from dead works, that we may serve you, the living God, and receive the promise of eternal inheritance in Christ Jesus our Lord: to whom, with you and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. AMEN.

WE RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS

By Transfer of Letter:

Josiah and Elizabeth Washburne, with their children Isaac and Melody

By Profession of Faith:

Raymond and Samantha Mocho, with their children Maclin, Alan, and Odessa

The Vows of Membership

- Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Words of Institution

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-39

The Introduction of Those to Be Baptized

MELODY HOPE WASHBURNE, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth Washburne

RAYMOND SCOTT MOCHO

MACLIN RAMÔN MOCHO,

ALAN COLTER MOCHO, and

ODESSA JAMES MOCHO, children of Raymond and Samantha Mocho

† The Confession of our Faith, *in unison*

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;

Born of the Virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate;

Was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven;

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

The holy catholic Church;

The communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;

And the life everlasting. AMEN.

The Prayer of Consecration

The Covenant Vows of Baptism

- Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
- Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?
- Do you, the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church, undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child, as God in his providence gives you opportunity?

†The Baptisms

†The Prayer of Dedication

†The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

GOD CONSECRATES US | WE RESPOND IN PRAYER AND OFFERING

The Offering Prayer and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory

GOD SPEAKS TO US | WE HEAR IN FAITH

The Scripture Readings for the 6th Sunday in Lent

The Epistle Reading: *Colossians 2:9-14*

The Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:35-40*

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon: Baptism into Christ Is Baptism into a Life of Communion

The Epistle Reading: Colossians 2:9-14

9 *For in Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,*

10 *and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.*

11 *In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,*

12 *having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.*

13 *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,*

14 *by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 10:35–40*

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”

36 And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”

37 And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

38 Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

39 And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,

40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

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†The Psalm

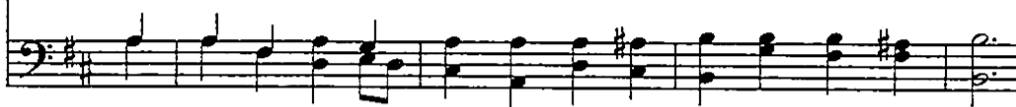
Psalm 126: When Zion's Fortunes God Restored



1. When Zi - on's for-tunes God re-stored, it was a dream come true.
2. Re - store our for-tunes, gra - cious LORD, like streams in de - sert soil.



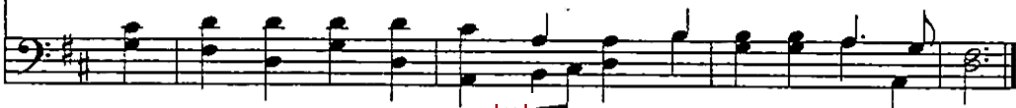
Our mouths were then with laugh - ter filled, our tongues with songs a - new.
A joy - ful har - vest will re - ward the weep - ing sow - er's toil.



The na - tions said, The LORD has done great things for Is - ra - el.
The man who, bear - ing seeds to sow, goes out with tears of grief,



The LORD did might - y things for us, and joy our hearts knew well.
will come a - gain with songs of joy, bear - ing his har - vest sheaf.



GOD COMMUNES WITH US | WE EAT AND DRINK
WITH THE LORD AND ONE ANOTHER

The Invitation to the Meal and Fencing of the Table

Prayers for Those Not Communing

If you are not able to receive Communion, please use the time to pray and meditate.

For Those Searching for the Truth

Lord Jesus Christ: You have said you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If indeed you are the Savior of the World, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are and of what you have done. Give me an understanding of you that is true, coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you have promised to give to all who seek you. Amen.

For Those Now Receiving Christ

Lord Jesus Christ, I recognize that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserve in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For Those Struggling with Sin

If you are a baptized believer in Christ and are struggling with sin, you should still come forward for Communion. As it says in our Larger Catechism 172:

One who doubts of his being in Christ, or of his due preparation for the sacrament of the Lord's supper, may have true interest in Christ, though he is not yet assured thereof; and in God's account has it, if he is duly affected with the apprehension of the lack of it, and sincerely desires to be found in Christ, and to depart from iniquity: in which case (because promises are made, and this sacrament is appointed, *for the relief even of weak and doubting Christians*) he is to bewail his unbelief, and labor to have his doubts resolved; and, so doing, he may and ought to come to the Lord's supper, that he may be further strengthened.

†The Hymn of Preparation

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

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1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
 2. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3. This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 • this is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me:

here grasp with firm - er hand th'e - ter - nal grace,
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 • here let me feast, and, feast - ing, still pro - long

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 • the brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.

†The Passing of the Peace

1 Corinthians 6:11; Romans 5:1

You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

†The Words of Institution

Mark 14:22-24

†The Prayer of Humble Access, *in unison*

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

We do not presume to come to this your table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord who ever loves to show mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his cup, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. AMEN.

The Prayer of Consecration

Westminster Directory for Worship (1644)

The Serving of the Elements

Brothers and sisters, lift your eyes from the visible elements and lift up your heart to heaven, where Christ is now, seated at the right hand of the Father, from where he will come again to complete our redemption. In him alone are all the promises of God fulfilled and all spiritual blessings found.

Come to the Table now in joy of heart, in Spirit-wrought unity, in holy love, and partake of the Feast of Christ, giving thanks for the great love that God has shown us.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

†The Hymn of Response

Sing Praise to the Father

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1 Sing praise to the Fa-ther, Cre - a - tor and King, whose mer - cy has
 2 Sing praise to the Sav - ior, Re - deem - er and Friend, for grace past all
 3 Sing praise to the Spir - it, the gift of God's love, who quick - ens our
 4 Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the Son, sing praise to the

taught us a new song to sing; who made us, and loved us tho'
 tell - ing, for love with - out end; who stripped off his glo - ry, put
 hearts with new life from a - bove, who woos us, sub - dues us, and
 Spir - it, great God Three in One; the God of sal - va - tion, of

reb - els and lost, and planned our re - demp - tion at in - fi - nite cost.
 on mor - tal sin, and died in our stead, full a - tone - ment to win.
 seals us his own, and fault - less pre - sents us be - fore the White Throne.
 glo - ry, of grace, who wrought our re - demp - tion—my soul, sing his praise!

Refrain

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul, for the grace that re-

deems, for the love that makes whole; O come and a - dore him, his

glo-ries pro-claim, and wor-ship be - fore him—the Lord is his name!

The Prayers of the People

The Church Around the World

Grace Presbyterian Church in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, a new Ministry to the Military and Internationals (PCA) church plant; Pastor Jae Park, their pastor; also Soli Deo Presbyterian Church, a Korean Presbyterian church, and their pastor, Byeong-Hyeok Kim.

PCA Churches and Pastors in New York State Presbytery

Reformed PCA, Duaneburg—Pastor Anthony Gorsuch and Elder Chris Nally.
New Life PCA, Canton (our mother church)—Pastor Larry Veinott

Agencies Grace Supports Financially

Care Net of NNY—Christian support for those with unplanned pregnancies
Geneva Benefits Group—assistance to those who minister in the PCA

Government and Political Leadership—Watertown City Government

Sarah V. Compo Pierce, Mayor and the City Council, which will be meeting on Monday night.

Grace Church

Mark Saltzman, Elder Emeritus from New Life Canton, is preparing for a stem cell transplant on April 17, followed by 30 days hospitalization, then 100 days of isolation while his immune system is repressed.

Taya Crego, Becky Crego's daughter—that God would intervene in her life.

Joshua Marvel, has written a book and would like to have it published.

Corey and Denise Carol, friends of the Fergusons, who lost their daughter **Haley** recently.

The Lord's Prayer, *in unison*

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.

GOD COMMISSIONS AND BLESSES US | WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

† Closing Hymn

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

May the grace of Christ our Savior
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor,
rest upon us from above.

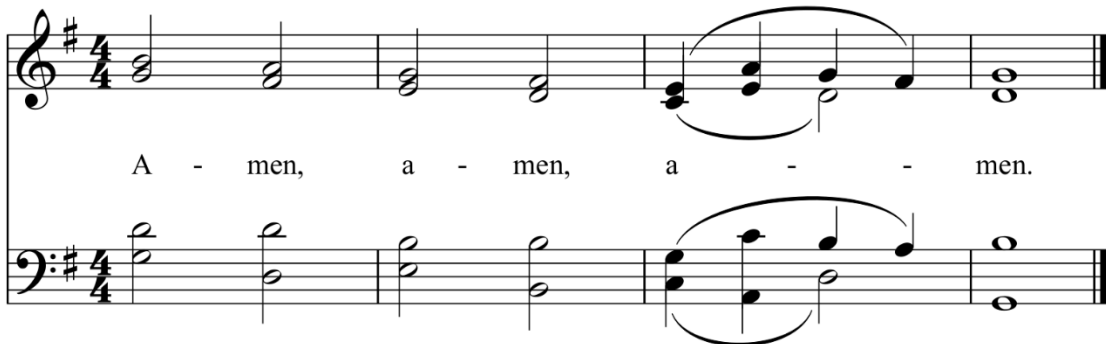
Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion,
joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

† The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

† The People's Amen



A - men, a - men, a - - men.

LIFE TOGETHER AT GRACE

THURSDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Thursday night fellowship will meet at the Harryman's for supper at 6:00 p.m. This is a time for all. Soup and bread for women, children, men, and strangers. The men's Bible study will follow at 7:00 in Bob's study.

MORNING PRAYER AND PASTOR FRANK'S "OFFICE HOURS"

Join us on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 for a short time of prayer. We will be using the traditional form for Morning Prayer, which has confession of sin, psalms, scripture readings, and prayers of intercession, supplication, and thanksgiving. Our time together should last about 20 minutes. Immediately following the service on Tuesday, Pastor Frank will be available at the church for consultation or conversation. We'd love to have you join us!

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH TODAY

We hope you will stay after the service today to enjoy our monthly meal together.

EASTER FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

We'll also have a fellowship meal together immediately after the service on Easter Sunday.

WORSHIP NOTES

SOME COMMENTS ON THE APOSTLES' CREED

- When we confess “**he descended into hell**”, we mean that “in my greatest sorrows and temptations I may be assured and comforted that my Lord Jesus Christ, by His unspeakable anguish, pain, terror, and agony, which He endured throughout all His sufferings but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell” (Heidelberg Catechism Q.44). In short, Jesus suffered God’s wrath and punishment for sin—descended into hell—so that believers will never have to.
- When we confess “**the holy catholic Church**”, “catholic” means both ‘universal’ and ‘according to the whole.’ Thus, the Church is called catholic because she exists in union and unity with the whole body of believers in every place and time (she is universal), and because she holds and proclaims the whole faith once for all delivered to the saints. We are catholic Christians because we are in communion with that Church from which the Gospel is spread throughout the world (St. Augustine, 2nd Homily on 1 John).

SOME NOTES ON COMMUNION

- The inner rings of cups contain wine, the outer ring grape juice.
- Gluten-free bread is available.
- Our custom is to wait until everyone has been served, whereupon we eat and drink together.
- After the service, please place your empty cup in the basket provided near the entrance.
- Non-communing children are encouraged to come to the Table with their parents, where they will receive a prayer of blessing.

Bible Readings for Daily Prayer: April 6- April 12, 2025
The Fifth Week of Lent

Date	Psalm	First Lesson	Second Lesson
Sunday, 4/6	Psalm 126	Colossians 2:9-14	Mark 10:35-40
Monday, 4/7	Psalm 80	Jeremiah 24:1-10	John 9:1-17
Tuesday, 4/8	Psalm 146	Jeremiah 25:8-17	John 9:18-41
Wednesday, 4/9	Psalm 51	Jeremiah 25:30-38	John 10:1-18
Thursday, 4/10	Psalm 102	Jeremiah 26:1-16	John 10:19-42
Friday, 4/11	Psalm 105	Jeremiah 29:1-14	John 12:1-10
Saturday, 4/12	Psalm 43	Jeremiah 23:9-15	John 12:37-50

Sunday Service & Morning Prayer at the church, 7:30 a.m.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and most merciful God, who has given your Son to die for our sins and to obtain forgiveness and redemption for us through his own blood: Let the merit of this spotless sacrifice, we beseech you, purge our consciences from dead works, that we may serve you, the living God, and receive the promise of eternal inheritance in Christ Jesus our Lord: to whom, with you and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. AMEN.

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Please let us know you worshiped with us today!

We would like to acknowledge your presence with us today. You will not be added to any mailing lists without your permission, and we will not share your information with anyone. Please fill this out and put it in the offering plate when it comes by.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

- I am an out of town visitor.
- I live in the area and am visiting for the first time today.
- I would like more information about Grace. Please have someone contact me.
- Please send me more information about _____
- I would like to meet the pastor for coffee or lunch.

*We are God's people.
We proclaim Christ,
who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.
In him we are
Taught by the Truth and
Liberated by the Life to
Walk in the Way.
The goal of our instruction is love
for God and neighbor
that flows from a pure heart and
a clear conscience and
a sincere faith.*



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