



March 22, 2026 – Livestream
Fifth Sunday of Lent

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Christ, the Life of All the Living

arr. F. Peeters

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Out of the depths of despair, O Lord, I cry to you.

People: We trust in the almighty power of God.

Leader: Lord, hear my voice!

People: We seek the goodness of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

***I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.***

***I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.***

***I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.***

***There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.***

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, your Son came into the world
to free us from sin and death.**

**Breathe in us the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ
and serve you all our days,
through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life,
to all who trust in him. Amen.**

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me, and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.
For me he died; for me he lives, and everlasting life and light He freely gives.

No merit of my own, his anger to suppress. My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.
For me he died; for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.

And now for me he stands before the Father's throne. He shows his wounded hands and names me as
his own! For me he died; for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.

God's grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe and recognize God's work of love and Christ
receive. For me he died; for me he lives, and everlasting life and light he freely gives.
My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #848

Psalm 130

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
Lord, hear my voice!

**People: Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

**People: But there is forgiveness with you,
that you may be worshiped.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
in the Lord's word I hope;

**People: my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than who watch for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

**People: And the Lord will redeem Israel
from all iniquities.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lydia Shaw

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 8:3-8

³ "And now the Lord says: I am returning to Mount Zion, and I will live in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City; the mountain of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will be called the Holy Mountain. ⁴ "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: Once again old men and women will walk Jerusalem's streets with their canes and will sit together in the city squares. ⁵ And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls at play.

⁶ "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: All this may seem impossible to you now, a small remnant of God's people. But is it impossible for me? says the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

⁷ "This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies says: You can be sure that I will rescue my people from the east and from the west. ⁸ I will bring them home again to live safely in Jerusalem. They will be my people, and I will be faithful and just toward them as their God.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

***Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.***

***Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.***

***Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.***

***Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Living God, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We have not loved our neighbors, forgiven our enemies, or sought justice for the oppressed.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We have tolerated evil, fueled conflicts, and desecrated the land, skies, and seas.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Relying on your great mercy for us in Jesus Christ,
we pray that you will forgive our sins, remove our guilt, and reform our lives.

People: Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus is the resurrection and the life
and everyone who lives and believes in him will never die.

People: Yes, Lord Jesus, we trust that you are Messiah, the Son of God! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jill Moffett

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #2277

Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There Is A Balm In Gilead

arr. W. Dawson

Amy Cuomo, soloist, Cathedral Singers

There is a Balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a Balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a Balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a Balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say "He died for all."

There is a Balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
There is a Balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

***Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.***

GOSPEL LESSON

John 11:1-6, 17-27, 38-45

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Turn to Hope, Part Five

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #178

Hope of the World

***Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.***

***Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let thy spirit unto us be given,
to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.***

***Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light,
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from thee to endless night.***

*Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
we render back the love thy mercy gave us;
take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.*

*Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious,
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;
thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.*

*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

And Can It Be

arr. J. Innes

Upcoming Events:

Lenten Communion Service, Wednesdays, 7:30am

Earth Hour Worship, March 28, 8:30pm

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Today's worship leaders:

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Senior Pastor

Jill Moffett

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Brandon Wallace

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James Horton

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Kathleen Hacker

Interim Director of Music

Heather Hinton

Organist

Holy Week and Easter:

Palm to Passion Sunday Service, March 29, 8:30 and 11:00am

Holy Thursday Communion Service, April 2, 7:30pm

Good Friday Community Prayer Service, April 3, 12:00noon

Good Friday Rutter's Requiem, April 3, 7:30pm

Easter Communion Service, April 5, 8:30am

Easter Celebration Service, April 5, 11:00am

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