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The Fifth Sunday in Lent April 3, 2022

Color of the Day: Purple—used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn he endured, and the subsequent sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation. Ecclesiastical purple should remind all Christians of their daily need to humbly give attention to leading a life of repentance.



Opening Hymn #909 - Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Confession and Absolution Page 151

✠ ✠ ✠ Service of the Word ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit Page 152

Ps. 3:3-6; antiphon:Ps.3:8

Salvation belongs | to the LORD;*

your blessing be on your | people!

But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,*

my glory, and the lifter | of my head.

I cried aloud | to the LORD,*

and he answered me from his | holy hill.

I lay | down and slept;*

I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained me.

I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people*

who have set themselves against me | all around.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie Page 152

Hymn of Praise (Gloria in Excelsis) Omitted during Lent

Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 156

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading Page 156

Isaiah 43:16-21

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

¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

¹⁹Behold, I am doing 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 beasts 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 that they might declare my praise.

Gradual Page 156

Heb. 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle Reading Page 156

Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count 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 that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But 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 upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Verse (Alleluia omitted during Lent) Page 157

Holy Gospel Page 157

Luke 20:9-20

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.

¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat

him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.'¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?'"¹⁸"Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day #430 – My Song Is Love Unknown

The Sermon..... *The Stone the Builders Rejected - Luke 20:9-20*

Want to read along, miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine? Check out Pastor Bogs’ blog at: rabswritings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez’s blog at: pastormendez.blogspot.com.

Introduction

Our text follows _____ .

In the previous verse Jesus’ _____ .

The Parable

The owner of the vineyard is _____ .

He sent His servants to _____ .

Finally He sent _____ .

The Rhetorical Question

The renters thought _____ .

The vineyard owner will _____ .

The crowd’s response was _____ .

Jesus Explains

Jesus is the _____ .

Jesus is the _____ .

The warning _____ .

What About Us?

How are we doing? _____ .

Jesus is _____ .

In sum, Paul reminds us _____ .

Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:

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Prayer of the Church & Offering Page 159

Our First Fruits and Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God's love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.

Offertory..... Page 159

⌘ ⌘ ⌘ **Service of the Sacrament** ⌘ ⌘ ⌘

Preface Page 160

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)..... Page 161

Lord’s Prayer and The Words of Our Lord..... Page 162

Pax Domini and Agnus Dei Page 163

Distribution Page 164

Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.

Distribution Hymns..... #912 – Christ Is Our Cornerstone

#647 – Lord Jesus Christ, The Church’s Head

#644 - The Church’s One Foundation

Nunc Dimittis Page 165

Benediction Page 166

Closing Hymn..... #918 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer