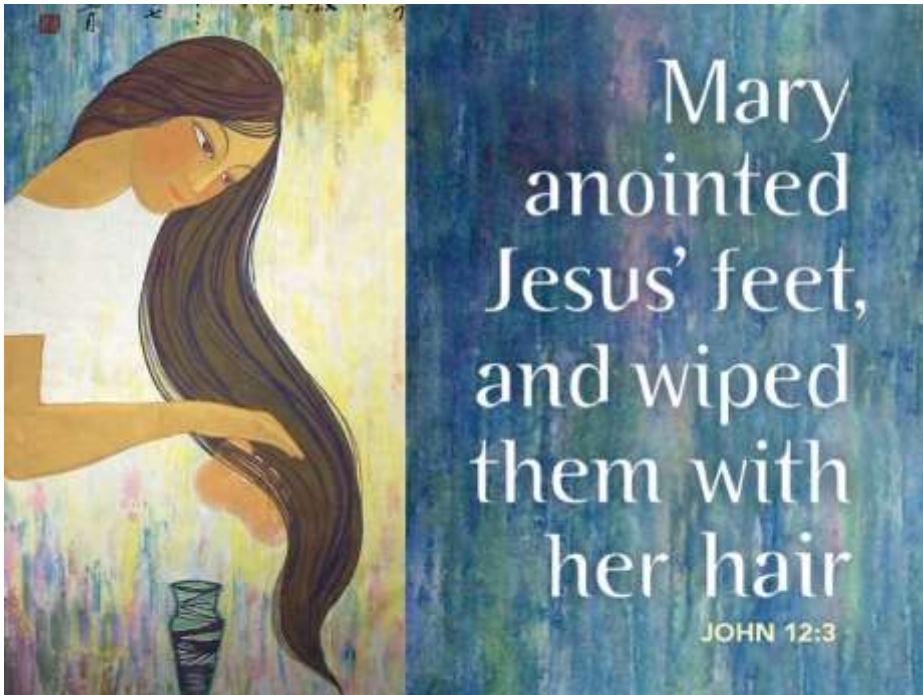


Fifth Sunday in Lent



April 3, 2022 | 10:30 a.m.

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... God is always creating, always doing something new (Isaiah 43:18-19). Welcome to worship, where we listen for the new word God has for us today.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF QUILTS

OPENING HYMN

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

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INTRODUCTION

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus’ feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God’s new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43, Psalm 126, John 12

P The days ahead are dark and full of foreboding.

C **We watch as Jesus journeys to the cross.**

P There is no way to change what is to come.

C **Yet death does not have the final word.**

P Let us bear witness to God’s new life moving within and among us.

C **God is doing a new thing. Let us rejoice and give thanks!**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection—a new and abundant life. With confidence in God’s generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

C **Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others.**

Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.

In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

P The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. *Phil. 3:9*
Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own.
Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun. Amen.

C **Forgetting what lies behind,
and straining forward to what lies ahead,
we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.** *Phil. 3:13–14*

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

LESSON: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

PSALM 126

L ¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

C 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.”**

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

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

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

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

LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

C **Creator God,
you prepare a new way in the wilderness and water the desert.
Help us to recognize your hand working miracles beyond our imagining.
Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, so that
our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love for all, and its
presence in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

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APOSTLES' CREED

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C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need,
for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P As we resolve to follow the path that Jesus walked, let us offer one another the
sustaining power of Christ's peace. The peace of Christ be with you, always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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OFFERING PRAYER

P 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.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

