

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
March 26, 2023 A.D.
The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

Call to worship

L: Let us praise God.

P: Let us praise the One who has filled the earth with blessings.

L: We turn to you for joy and peace.

P: For a way out of hopeless situations;

L: For justice.

P: For forgiveness and for love.

L: We turn to you, O God, for all these things offered through Jesus the Christ, the author of redemption and bringer of hope.

P: Therefore, let us join together and sing praises unto his name this day. Amen!

The Morning Anthem

Call to Confession

L: Friends, our high priest, Jesus Christ, knows all our weaknesses, and can sympathize, because he was tested in every way we are, only without sinning. So let's come boldly to the throne of grace, where we can find mercy and grace to help when we need it most. Let us pray together.

In Unison: ***Forgiving God, too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude. Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy. Too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love. Too often we are separated and alienated from our better self, separated and alienated from God. Forgive us and guide us in the right paths to follow in your eternal light. Amen.***

Pastor: Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (Pr. 28) Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Amen.

*Our Response ***What a Friend We have in Jesus***

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what
peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because
we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn - ***O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #466***

The Morning Scripture Lessons: **Psalm 45:6-9**

⁶Your throne, O God,^[a] will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

⁷You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.

⁸All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia;
from palaces adorned with ivory
the music of the strings makes you glad.

⁹Daughters of kings are among your honored women;
at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.

John 12:1-11 Jesus Anointed at Bethany

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about a pint^[a] of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.^[b]" ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you,^[c] but you will not always have me."

⁹ Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹ for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

Sermon: ***The Fragrance of the Glory of God***

*Hymn - ***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound #280***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn #592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Sending forth and Benediction

*Choral response

God be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

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