

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020



Introduction / Prayer of the Day

A/P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

A/P: Let us pray together...

C: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Days of Elijah

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Chorus

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.

Chorus

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Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah (3x)
There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah (hey)

Chorus

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Gospel: John 11:1-45 (excerpts printed)

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So 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."⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was...

... ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, **“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”** ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life.** Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep

... And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.” ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, **believed in him.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Pastor Paul

Blessing

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

1. Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim stepping fearless through the night.
2. One the light of God's own presence on the ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror, bright'ning all the path we tread.
One the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.
3. One the strain that lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun.
One the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father reigns in love forevermore.
4. Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; onward, with the cross our aid.
Bear its shame, and fight its battle till we rest beneath its shade.
Soon shall come the great awak'ning; soon the rending of the tomb!
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows, and the end of toil and gloom.