

The First Lesson

Isaiah 43:16-21

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

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do 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. The wild animals 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, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Psalm Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Said together:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

et whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to

know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hymn

Let thy blood in mercy poured

H 313

Gospel Lesson

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."



The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People

BCP 328

We pray together as the people of God

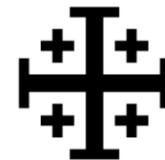
Confession & Absolution

BCP 331

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

Offertory

See How He Dies!

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Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in three-fold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord*

from H 143, v. 5

Eucharistic Prayer "I"

BCP 333

-Sanctus Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S 113

-The Lord's Prayer Traditional version, found on BCP 336

-Agnus Dei H-S 157

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

-The Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

Bread of the world in mercy broken H 301

Jesus, all my gladness H 701

Humble I adore Thee H 314

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 339

Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross

H 474

The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Peter and Patty Richardson. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

Last Sunday Attendance

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Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Acolytes</u>	Teresa Paine	Chris Justice
<u>Lectors</u>	Mike Lilly	Becky Beckett
<u>Chalicians</u>	Teresa Paine	Becky Beckett
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Sandy Moir	Chris Justice
	Linda Thomas	Betty Nash
		Patricia Taylor
		Emma Slater

Birthdays This Week: Cici Dyer, Jim Paine



Prayer Requests

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Kerrigan Farmer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, George Strike, Bea Paine, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Debbie Wells, Ed Arnett, Michelle Parks, Debbie Faber, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield, Margaret Westfall, Paul Anderson, Shelby Hawthorne



Calendar of Events

Sunday – April 7 Immanuel Lutheran's Baked Potato Dinner
 Evensong by Bluefield College Choir 6:00pm

Wednesday – April 10 Union Mission 3:00pm
 Fellowship Evening 6:00pm

Thursday – April 18

Food Pantry 9:00-11:00am

Maundy Thursday Foot Washing 5:30pm

Seder Meal 6:00pm

Friday – April 19 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12 noon

Vigil in St. Margaret's Chapel 12-3:00pm

Solemnity 7:00pm

Sunday – April 21

Easter Sunday

Wednesday – April 24 Union Mission Dinner Prep. 4:30pm

Announcements:

Annual Baked Potato Dinner: Immanuel Lutheran will hold their annual baked potato dinner and dessert auction fundraiser on Sunday, April 7th shortly after 12 noon, for their "Drive for the Deployed" ministry. Free will donations will be accepted. Desserts will be auctioned off! ALL monies collected will go directly towards funding Military Appreciation Night at Bowen Field!!!

Service of Evensong: Presented by Bluefield College choir. Donations will go toward their trip to Europe this summer.

Easter Lilies: A sign-up sheet for those who would like to purchase Easter lilies is available at the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Lilies will be \$15 and may be given in memory or honor of a loved one. Please turn in payment by April 14th, and be sure to note method of payment on sheet.

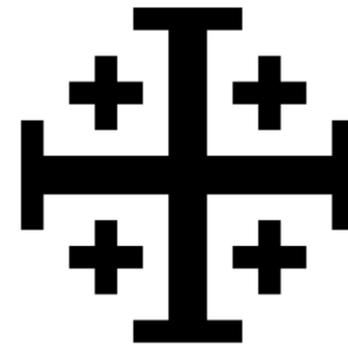
Lent Madness!: Are you ready to have so much fun in Lent you should feel bad about it? Learn about the saints and the whims of a popularity contest as we vote for our favorites until only one is left. Who will win the Golden Halo this year? Pick up your materials in the Narthex!

Prayer List: The prayer list will be reset on the first Sunday of April. All names you would like to remain on the prayer list should be resubmitted to the church office.

Seder Meal: Our annual Seder Meal will be April 18th at 6:00pm. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. If you plan to come, please be sure to sign-up so we can get an estimate of how many to prepare for.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater	Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Mrs. Becky Beckett	Senior Warden
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April 7, 2019 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

About our worship in Lent: During this holy season we will make use of some of the more traditional practices of the church. This will include the use of Rite I—the Elizabethan liturgy—and the reorientation of our space, *ad orientem*—where both the clergy and the congregation face the same direction during worship. It is our hope that this change will allow us to reflect on our own preferences and meaning behind them.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I glory

H 441

The Service Begins

BCP 323

The Trisagion (words are in the BCP), musical setting is H-S 102

The Collect

Our collective prayer for the day.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*