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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

PRELUDE

Absoute

Armand Vivet

INTROIT

Plainsong

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

—*Psalm 43:1-2*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis

\*HYMN 276

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

FAITHFULNESS

\*OPENING SENTENCES

The Reverend Laura Colee

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

**Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.**

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

**I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

*Psalm 119:10-16*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION



*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

## WELCOME

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, though we are made in your image, we fail to live as you made us to live. Where we have missed opportunities to serve, we need forgiveness. Where we have been unkind, we need forgiveness. Where we have caused pain, we need forgiveness. Where we harbor guilt and unease, we need forgiveness. For what we know but cannot name, we need forgiveness. Refresh us, and remake us, we pray. Call us anew, and lead us in the ways you would have us go, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

### KYRIE (573) *(Choir and Congregation)*

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe the promise of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### ANTHEM

#### **Call to Remembrance, O Lord**

Richard Farrant

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old, O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth: but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

—*Psalm 25:5-6*

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(p. 721)

### EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 5:5-10

(p. 215)

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-33

(p. 104)

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

PICARDY

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit, ever three and ever one; as it was in the beginning, now and ever more shall be.

### SERMON

#### **We Wish To See Jesus**

Dr. Mullis

*They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him,  
“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”  
John 12:21*

### \*HYMN 383

#### **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

OLIVET

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

—*excerpted from The Confession of 1967, Inclusive Language Text*

## CALL TO OFFERING

*You may bring your offering forward during the offertory, or place it in the plates after the service.  
You may also give online; information is available on the card in the pew rack.*

## OFFERTORY

**If God be for us, who can be against us?**

G. F. Handel

from *Messiah*

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

—*Romans 8:31, 33-34*

## \*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## \*HYMN 399

**We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**

DUNLAP'S CREEK

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**Benediction for Lent 5**

Donald Nally

Amen. Give me justice O God.

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“We are all meant to be mothers of God...for God is always needing to be born.”

—Meister Eckhart

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 17, 2024

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Thursday, March 21

Session

6:30 p.m.

### ONLINE LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAYS THROUGH MARCH 20

An online Lenten Bible study continues through this Wednesday, via Zoom, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Led by Dr. Mullis and Rev. Colee, we are looking at key passages from the Gospel of Mark to prepare us for Holy Week. ***You must register to receive the Zoom link!*** Visit our website to register, or call the church office (215-567-0532).

### TWENTIES & THIRTIES BRUNCH

The T&Ts are going to brunch **today** after the 11 a.m. service! Please RSVP to Laura Colee (youngadults@fpcphila.org) if you'd like to join!

### DEDICATIONS AT EASTER

We continue our tradition of accepting donations and dedications in honor of or in memory of friends and loved ones at Easter. **Please submit dedications by March 25; forms are available in the narthex and the church office.** Checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia; please note “Easter Dedications” on the check memo. Dedications and donations may also be submitted online via the church website: [fpcphila.org/easter-dedications](http://fpcphila.org/easter-dedications) or emailed to the church office ([office@fpcphila.org](mailto:office@fpcphila.org)).

### LENTEN DONATION DRIVE

The Missions Committee is sponsoring a donation drive to support Philly House, a shelter for men that provides temporary housing and comprehensive services to support transitions to long-term housing. The drive runs through April 7. Visit our website or scan the QR code for a list of needed items and Amazon Wishlist options.

