

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

9:00AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND THE COMING OF THE LIGHT *God's Time Is Best* J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively): **PSALM 51**

L: If you need a fresh start, make your needs known:

P: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."

L: If you feel far from God, call out your needs:

P: "Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me."

L: If the cares of the world hang about your neck, plead to the Lord with all your might:

P: "Restore to me the joy of my salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

L: If you need a fresh start, turn to God, for God will hear your prayers.

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE #472 *Near to the Heart of God*

THE RITUAL OF THE LENTEN CANDLES

ANTHEM *Jesu, Priceless Treasure* J. S. Bach

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison): **JEREMIAH 31**

God of infinite chances, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray;
You are ever more ready to offer forgiveness than we are to seek it for ourselves, or for others.

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

For we are weighed down by the burden of petty resentments and trivial slights that poison our souls like toxic fumes.

Write your law on our hearts and take away our pathetic excuses that we know not what we do... when we do.

Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us.
Remind us that we still have much to learn, and that you continue to teach us.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that our faith in you might be renewed.
In humble confidence, we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Lori Meyers

*GOSPEL LESSON John 12:20-33 NLT

*GLORIA PATRI #70

WITNESS TO THE WORD "The Time Has Come" Rev. Jim Rogers

*HYMN OF PRAISE # 168 *At the Name of Jesus*

OFFERTORY *Be Still, My Soul* Sibelius/J. Koertz
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*THE DOXOLOGY #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE #301 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

*GOING FORTH OF THE LIGHT

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Fugue in G minor* J. S. Bach

*Please stand as you are able