

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN 649 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “*My Jesus, I Love Thee*” tune *Gordon*, by Hegarty

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Lent 5 Midweek

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PRELUDE - “*Adagio*” from *Cello Sonata* by B. Marcello

HYMN 467 - *stanzas 1, 3, 5, and 6, we sing, standing*

OPENING VERSICLES

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

O Lord, open my lips, **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me; **make haste to help me O Lord.**

Your hands have made and fashioned me; **give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.**

Teach me Your way, O Lord, **that I may walk in Your truth.**

Incline Your ear to me when I call **and make clean my heart within me.**

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

GREETING, followed by PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 3:12-18

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

PSALM – Psalm 51:7-12

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

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

SECOND READING – Hebrews 8:8-12

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

HOLY GOSPEL – John 14:1-6 - *all standing*

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!

After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 708 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

ANTHEM - “*In the Garden*” by Austin Miles; arr. Heffler. Althea Madigan, soloist.

PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole body of Christ and for all people according to their needs.

For all the nations of the world, that Your heart of love and mercy will dwell in the midst of all people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Your body, the Church, that it will be the fulfillment of Your love in the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our congregation, that we may love one another as You have loved us, that we may be one with You as You are one with the Father, and that all pastors may be shepherds after Your own heart, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, that Your compassion will reach their need and give them health in body, mind, and spirit, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven....**