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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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LENTEN MIDWEEK 5

**The Good News of a God Who Makes a Way for Us
(Series A)**

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

When the Israelites seemed trapped, the way out for them was through the middle of the sea. For Christians today, it has been through the waters of Baptism. It is Jesus who is the way, and the truth, and the life. God's Old Testament people survived to continue their escape in the desert. But we follow Christ, in our daily walk, through a resurrection like His, and on to the place He has readied for us. This is all good news for us from Exodus.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.
Exodus 2:23–24

WELCOME

✠PREPARATION✠

601 ALL WHO BELIEVE AND ARE BAPTIZED



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.
Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the glo - rious,
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this sac - ra -



heav' n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 143:1, 5, 10

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C **In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!**

P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;

C **I ponder the work of Your hands.**

P Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!

C **Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

PSALM

Psalm 121

I *I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?*

II *My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.*

I *He will not let your foot be moved;*

II *He who keeps you will not slumber.*

C **Behold, He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

I *The LORD is your keeper;*

II *the LORD is your shade on your right hand.*

I *The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*

II *The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.*

C **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, whose mighty hand once made a way through the sea for Your people, grant that we who have been brought through the waters of Baptism may trust You in every trial. When fear rises and enemies surround, fix our eyes on Christ, our Way, our Truth, and our Life, who leads us through death into life everlasting. I pray this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

Sit

✠WORD✠

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:5–31

(The Lord protects His people at the sea.)

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, “What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?” ⁶So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, ⁷and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. ⁸And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. ⁹The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

¹⁰When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?”

¹²Is not this what we said to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

¹⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. ¹⁶Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

¹⁹Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians.”

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.” ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained.

²⁹But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3–5

(We shall be raised as Christ was.)

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

THIRD READING

John 14:1-6

(Jesus is the way, and the truth, and the life.)

P *“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.”*

L Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him,

P *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

WHAT PROMPTED CHRIST

sts. 1-2



1 What prompt - ed Christ, our Lord, to come
2 We do not know the way or the



down to the cross? What prompt - ed Him to die for my
truth or the life. We see but er - rors, lies, and much



soul? It was the Fa - ther's love That
strife. The Fa - ther knows our plight: He



sent Him to the cross That in Christ's bound - less
dear - ly loves us much That He sent down His



love He would pay for all sin To
Son to be - come for us all God's



pay for ev - 'ry sin since the fall.
way, His truth, and life for us all.

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L The Passion of our Lord according to St. Mark, the fifteenth chapter.

And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” And they cried out again,

C “Crucify Him.”

A [And Pilate said to them,] “Why, what evil has He done?”

L But they shouted all the more,

C “Crucify Him.”

L So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

And the soldiers led Him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed Him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on Him. And they began to salute Him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they were striking His head with a reed and spitting on Him and kneeling down in homage to Him. And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the purple cloak and put His own clothes on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross. And they brought Him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. And they crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHRIST, WHO LEADS US THROUGH THE WATERS

*Tune: LSB 420 – Christ, the Life of All the Living
(JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN 87.87.88.77)*

1. When the foe pursued in power,
Israel trembled at the sea;
Dark the night and near the hour
Of return to slavery.
But the Lord of hosts descended,
Spoke His word, the waves were
parted;
By His hand their way was led—
Grace and judgment there we
see.
2. Egypt's strength was vast and
daring,
But the Lord in glory fought;
By His breath the seas were
bearing
All the freedom mercy wrought.
In those waters foes were
buried,
So our sin is drowned in Bap-
tism;
There are death is put to
death—
God His name was magnified.
3. Christ, our greater Moses,
leading,
Stands between the grave and
life;
By His cross our bondage ended,
He redeems us from the strife.
Waters surge yet He delivers,
Led by pillar, cloud and fire.
Baptized hearts, now born again,
Sing the triumph of His name.
4. Though the night around us
presses,
Still our Captain goes before;
He who saves the lost confesses
Sin no more shall wound us sore.
When the world's last waves are
broken,
We shall stand where death is
con-quered.
Sing the song that Moses sang—
"Christ is King forevermore!"

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and
minds in Christ Jesus.

G Amen.

OFFERING

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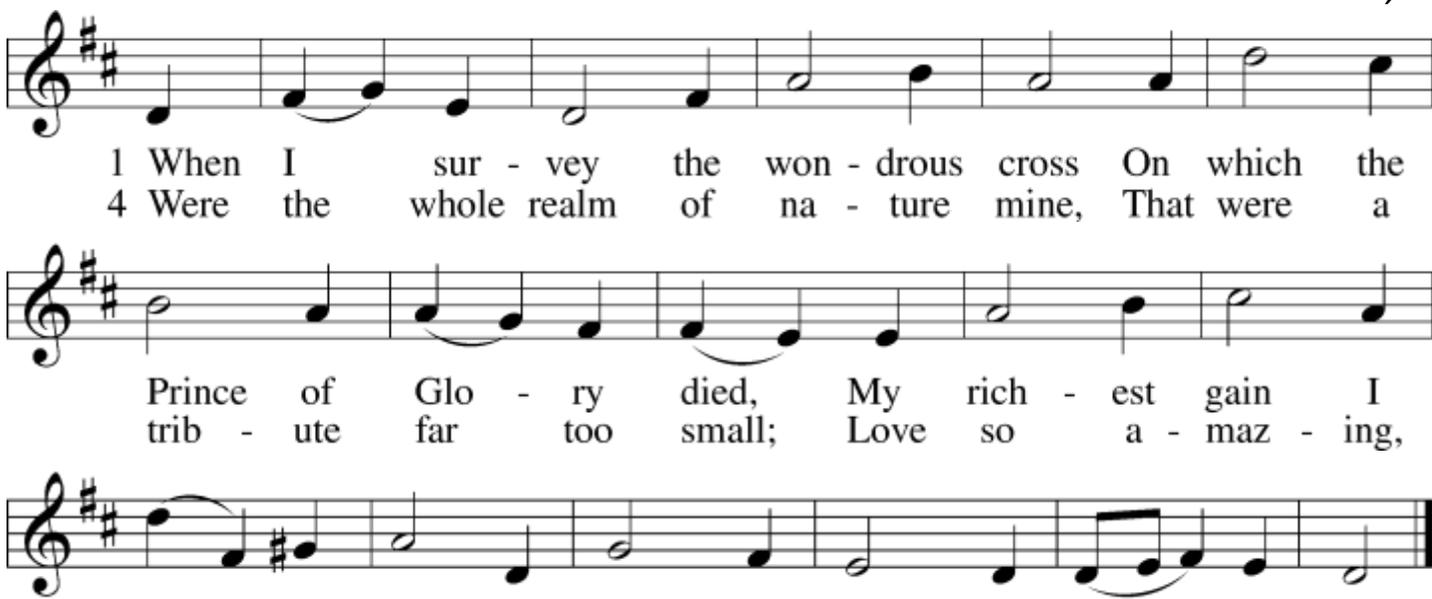
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Stand

OFFERTORY

426 WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

sts. 1, 4



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a
Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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PRAYERS

- P** Let us pray for all people who are unsure of God's hearing their prayers.
- C** **Hear their cries, O Lord, grant them courage as You accompany, and answer them speedily.**
- P** Let us ask God to strengthen the faith of those who only recently have known Him.
- C** **Reveal Yourself gently to them, Lord Jesus, through the caring of Your church.**
- P** Let us pray for those who feel trapped by circumstances beyond their control.
- C** **Assure them that You know their dilemma and that the deliverer has come: Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**
- P** Let us pray for all who fear God's punishment.
- C** **Show them mercy, O Lord, as You passed over Your Old Testament people. Grant them peace through Your presence.**
- P** Let us pray for all who know no good ways to turn, are unsure of the truth, and await only their deaths.
- C** **Tell them again, Lord Jesus, that You alone are the way, and the truth, and the life.**
- P** Finally, let us pray for all who are tired from opposition in the world around them and from their own conflicts within themselves.
- C** **Awaken in them a sense of Your accompanying them on their journey until that day when they and we join those who have gone before us at Your heavenly banquet hall.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul.

C **Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,

C **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord, who protected His people throughout the exodus, bless you.
The Lord, who sustained them in the desert, bless you.
The Lord, who led them and you to the Promised Land, bless and keep you,
now and forever.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you,"
"Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".*

918 GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more;
shield;
Thee;
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P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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