Holy Eucharist

March 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday in Lent, 5B

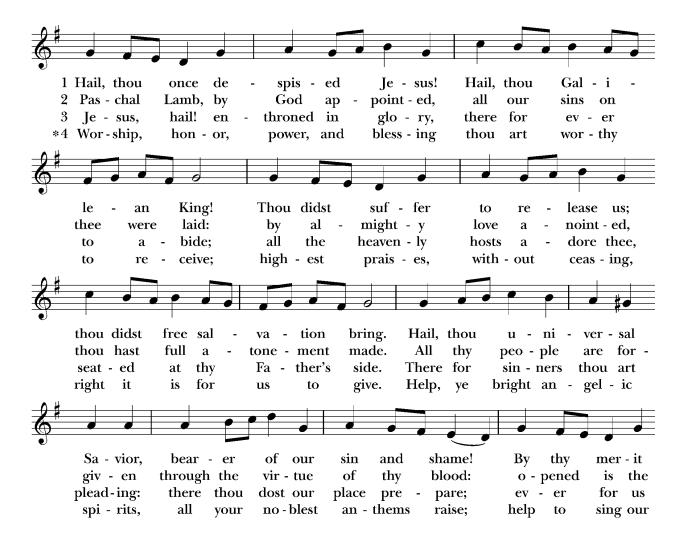
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Prelude

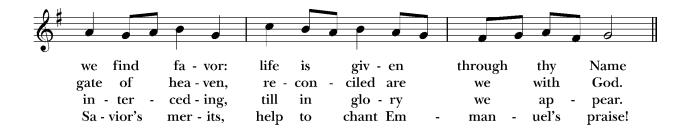
All stand as they are able

Entrance Hymn

Hail, thou once despiséd Jesus



Hymnal 495



PresiderBless the Lord + who forgives all our sins.PeopleGod's mercy endures forever.

Decalogue: the Ten Commandments

Hear the commandments of God to God's people: Presider I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me. Amen. Lord have mercy. You shall not make for yourself any idol. Amen. Lord have mercy. You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. Amen. Lord have mercy. Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. Amen. Lord have mercy. Honor your father and your mother. Amen. Lord have mercy. You shall not commit murder. Amen. Lord have mercy. You shall not commit adultery. Amen. Lord have mercy. You shall not steal. Amen. Lord have mercy. You shall not be a false witness. Amen. Lord have mercy. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. Amen. Lord have mercy.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

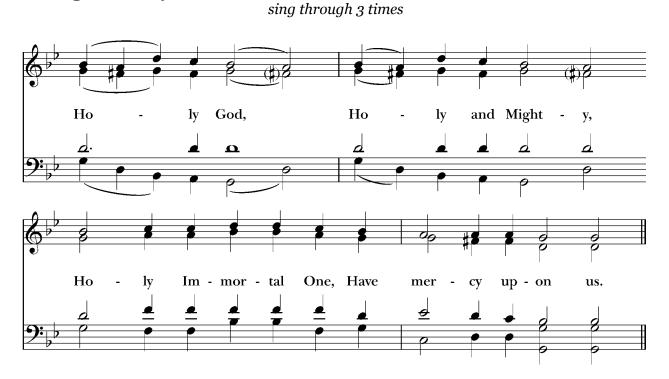
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

A Priest stands and says

Almighty God + have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

Trisagion: Holy God

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Collect of the Day

Presider	God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are

to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

All sit.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

³¹"The days are surely coming," says the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband," says the LORD. ³³"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says the LORD: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," says the LORD; "for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Remain seated

Psalm 51:1-13

to be prayed responsively, beginning with the lectern side of the church

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses. ²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, * and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me. 4Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight. ⁵And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment. ⁶Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb. ⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly. ⁸Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. ⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice. ¹⁰Hide your face from my sins, * and blot out all my iniquities.

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.
¹²Cast me not away from your presence, * and take not your holy Spirit from me.
¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again, * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10

Hymnal 439

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest, according to the order of Melchizedek.

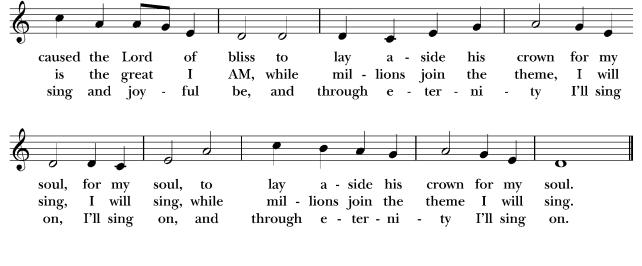
ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

What wondrous love is this

Unison 1 What my won - drous love is 0 mv soul, 0 soul! What this, To will will 2 God and the Lamb. Ι Ι sing, to sing, to 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and this, O my won-drous love is soul! What won-drous love is this that God and to the Lamb, I will sing. То God and to the Lamb who when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'11



Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of

wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour?' No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This



voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

All then stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Rob Hampton

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is. seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Sisters and brothers, children of God, we come before the Holy One, asking that God's grace and love be kindled in our hearts and spoken on our lips. Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.

Intercessor Holy One, give us your help, that we may do your will as we praise your name. We pray for our spiritual leaders, that they may speak your truth and call your people into deeper discipleship. **Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.**

Silence is kept.

Holy One, give us your help, that we may support the leadership of this nation in the pursuit of peace, justice, and compassion for all people. Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.

Silence is kept.

We are abundantly blessed, and praise you for your goodness and care of us. We are grateful today for [_______and] all you so graciously give us. Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.

Silence is kept.

Holy One, give us your help, that we may speak comfort to those who suffer in any way, [especially _____] and offer hope to those who grieve. Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.

Silence is kept.

Holy One, receive those who have died into the arms of your abundant mercy [especially_____]. Write your word on our hearts, O Lord.

Silence is kept.

Presider Holy One, may we live your truth in our lives as we confess your truth with our lips. All this we ask in the strong name of Jesus, the one who lived and moved among us in our broken world, and who loves us still. **Amen.**

All then stand as they are able.

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.*People* And also with you.

The Ministers and the People may offer God's peace to one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews* 13:15, 16

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

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

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them + by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also + that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

When all who desire have received, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal and Blessing

Presider Lord, when we pity ourselves and think we make great sacrifices for others:
People Remind us of your life-giving sacrifice on the Cross.
Lord, when our patience wears thin, and we are ready to give up:
Speak to us through the example of your endurance on the Cross.
Lord, when we get angry and wish to retaliate against our enemies:
Bring to our remembrance your words to your enemies from the Cross.
Lord, when we feel rejected or persecuted for doing what is right and good:
Sustain us by the knowledge of how you were reviled and rejected on the Cross.
Lord, when we suffer pain of body or anguish of mind in this life:
Keep us near the Cross.
Lord, when we are afraid to stand for that which is true and honorable:
Strengthen us with the courage with which you went to the Cross.

Lord, when we feel alone in the world, forsaken and forgotten:

Comfort us with your love made known on the Cross.

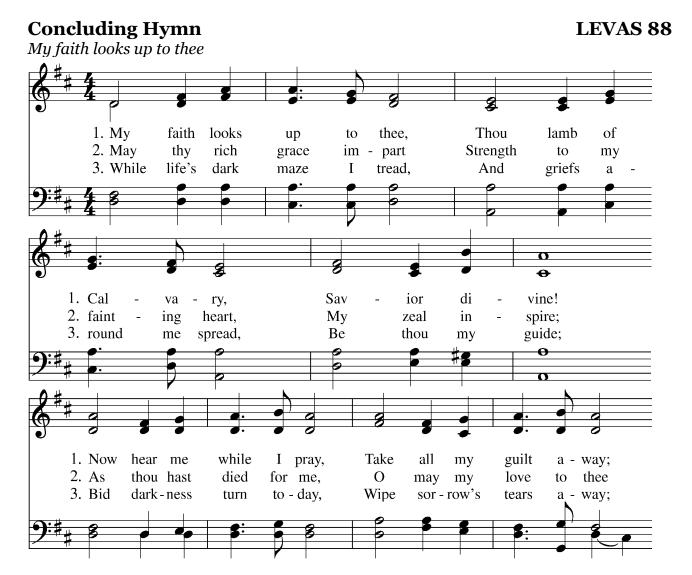
Lord, when we come to the time of our own death:

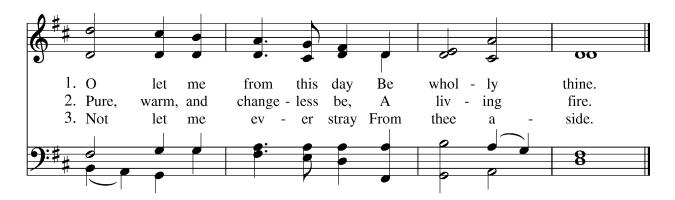
Uphold us with the assurance that life did not end for you on the Cross. Lord, when we are tempted by despair or fear of what lies ahead:

Fill us with the hope of resurrection and new life which are the fruits of your Cross. Amen.

A priest then blesses the people, saying

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all + evermore. **Amen**. *2 Corinthians 13:14*





The Sending Forth

Minister And now, my brothers and sisters in Christ, I bid you go out as did St Barnabas, the Encourager. Go out with joy and in peace, to love and serve our Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA) **and for** all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

March 17 The Church in Wales

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

March 17 Christ Church, Pleasant Lake, Church of the Resurrection, Ecorse; Jesus the Pilgrim, Barahona, DR

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Tim, Sarah, Kailyn, Ellery, Michael S **and our continuing prayers for:** Jim M, Mardi, Pat, Robert, Selenah

During the winter months, donations tend to slow down at **Faith in Action**. That doesn't mean the need is any less. "This is the time of year we are at our lowest for pantry inventory and food drives," said Sarah Shugart, executive director of FIA. "Every food order we do saves money for families, which they can use for other household expenses. The value of a food order for a family of three is about \$100."

FIA's top food pantry needs are: Chef Boyardee/Manwich; Coffee/Tea/Drink Mix; Toilet Paper/Paper Towels; Baking Items; Spaghetti Sauce; Canned Soup; Hamburger Helper; Shelf Stable Juice; Snack Items; Cooking Oil/spices; Cleaning products and personal products are always needed.

Thanks to the Chelsea Update for this information.

Upcoming Commemorations

- March 17 Patrick of Ireland, Bishop and Missionary, 461
 - 18 Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Theologian, 386
 - 19 Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - 20 Cuthbert, Bishop, 687; and,

Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wales, 1711

- 21 Thomas Cranmer: Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1556
- 22 James De Koven, Priest, 1879
- 23 Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop and Missionary, c.332

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

BIBLE STUDIES THAT WORK

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Even though the book of Jeremiah is set amid times of extraordinary suffering for the people, including war and exile, a recurring image is one

of intimate relationship between the people and God. It is a relationship of a household bound by a marriage bond – but a bond has been strained to the breaking point. In this passage, God proclaims a renewal of the relationship, yet the renewal is based on a new kind of covenant. God will write God's law on the hearts of the people, and "all shall know [God]."

This knowing in the heart, both individually and collectively, provides for the people a new kind of secure connection to God, in the wake of the destruction of the temple in the war with Babylon. Now the people can know God anywhere, under any circumstances, and know that God will keep the covenant and forgive. God's action to instill knowledge directly in the hearts of the people can be empowering, especially for those who may not be recognized as possessing or deserving access to knowledge. Here we see that relationship with God will not be obstructed by human systems of hierarchy and power.

- How might Jeremiah's imagery of intimacy with God in your heart affect how you pray?
- How does God make Godself known in your heart, and how might that empower you to show that in the world?

Psalm 51:1-13

The psalmist prays to God for mercy in the context of offenses, wickedness, transgressions, and evil. Note that the prayer is not just for mercy, or even for a neutral relationship, but for joy. Joy is named twice, in verses 9 and 13. First, the psalmist prays to God to make them "hear of joy and gladness." There is perhaps an initial distance, a request borne of humility, of intense self-reflection on how the psalmist has missed the mark. But later, it is as if the psalmist has grown in courage, based in faith in a loving and forgiving God, so that by verse 13, the prayer develops to a bold request: "Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit." Whereas the psalmist begins with an honest acknowledgment of sin, not shying away from the harsh reality of the human condition, the counter-balancing reality of a God who shows "loving-kindness" breaks in, as light breaking into darkness. Note too that forgiveness here is not just offenses blotted out, but true transformation. This is not about a cosmic balance sheet; it is about renewed, loving relationship with God. The psalmist expects to be changed, as we hear in the prayer "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

- How have you experienced healing from sin in your life? If joy is integral to this healing, how might you look for healing amid joy, and joy amid healing?
- The psalmist seems to grow in courage and faith. How has prayer helped you in your life to grow in your courage and faith in God?

Hebrews 5:5-10

This passage links several important ideas for us: humility, prayer, obedience, and priesthood. Although priesthood is here ascribed specifically to Christ, we believe that in our baptism we are all called to the priesthood of all believers. This brings both privilege and responsibility. The privilege is secured for us by Christ, that just as he "was heard because of his reverent submission," so may we be heard by God.

But our commensurate responsibility is to recognize and live according to our proper relationship with God, which is one of loving humility and obedience. In other words, we may follow Jesus' example in offering up "prayers and supplications," even with "loud cries and tears," but we must remember that our prayers are best offered with the reverent submission of that same example. Likewise, we may rightly rejoice in the privilege of participating in the priesthood of all believers, yet we are taught to follow Christ's example by not glorifying ourselves. As we pray, the kingdom, the power, and the glory are God's.

- What does (or could) "reverent submission" to God look like in your life?
- In this passage, priesthood is bestowed by God. What privileges and responsibilities do you feel God has bestowed upon you?

John 12:20-33

Rhetorically speaking, in this passage we are presented with three different ways of considering the relationship between life and death. First, Jesus refers to what we might call the natural order of things in creation: all that lives dies, and life often comes from what has died, as in the example of the grain of wheat. In one sense, it is not up to the grain of wheat to live or die; both life and death, and then life from its death, are inherent in how it was created. Second, Jesus refers to the fact that we, so much more than a grain of wheat, have the blessing and burden of choice. The message is clear: while we cannot choose to live or die any more than the grain of wheat, we can choose the manner of our living. The better choice is to live in such a way that we are like the grain of wheat that falls into the earth and brings new life that "bears much fruit." Third and lastly, Jesus refers to his own death, a death that is entirely his choice, but is in the context of a life lived to the glory of God. By bringing these three layers or levels of existence together (the grain of wheat, human beings, Christ), this passage at once reminds us that we are created and are utterly at the mercy of our creator, and that we are called to exercise our extraordinary gift of free will to choose how we live, to follow the example of Jesus in loving God and loving our neighbor.

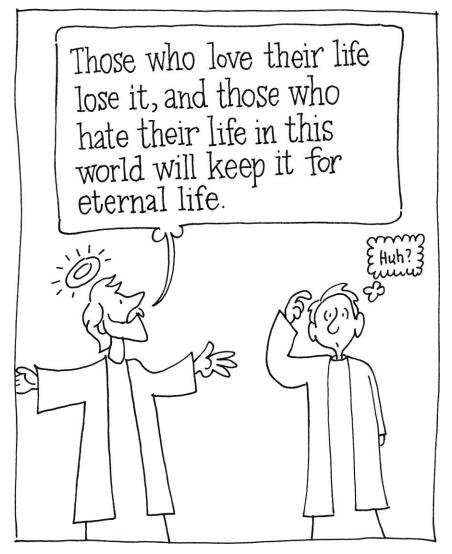
- If you are like a grain of wheat, what or where is your patch of earth in which your faithful choices might bring forth new life? Where can you make a difference today?
- Jesus says that he will "draw all people to [himself]." How does Jesus draw you?

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We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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