

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



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ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

Words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778

Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

2. Could my tears forever flow,
Could my zeal no languor know,
These for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.
In my hand no price I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

3. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown,
And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
ORDER OF WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE.....PIANIST/CHOIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT TO WORSHIP....."HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

PRAYER OF CONCENTRATION

DOXOLOGY.....**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above each heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Minister/Steward

L: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. *(Ps. 122:1-2)*

P: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. *(Ps. 84:10)*

L: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good. *(Ps. 122:9)*

P: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. *(Ps. 92:13)*

L: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth. *(Ps. 28:8)*

P: For the Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him. *(Hab. 2:20)*

L: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. *(Ps. 19:14)*

P: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, and sing praises. *(Ps. 19:1&4)*

THE MORNING HYMN #328....."Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

THE PRAYERS.....ELDERS & DEACONS

Prayer of Purification, Prayer of Pardon, and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Purification

Celebrant: Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: 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 Christ our Lord...

The Prayer of Pardon

Celebrant: Almighty God, who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who turn to you with true repentance and sincere faith; Have mercy upon us. Pardon and deliver us from all of our sins. Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life: through Jesus Christ our Savior...

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth: For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our LORD, to set forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the Company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Celebrant and People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord, most high. AMEN!**

THE PRAYER RESPONSE....."HE IS LORD"
He is Lord, He is Lord. He has risen from the dead and He is Lord. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

SELECTION.....CHOIR

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....**John 12: 1-8 (niv)**
(Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14)

¹ Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages" ⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

PREFACE..... **"From all that dwell below the skies,
Let thy creator's praise arise;
Let the redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue."**

THE DECALOGUE**An Affirmation to Keep God's Law**

L: Let us express our commitment to keep Gods' law.

P: God of our salvation, only you are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice your name, O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder or slander. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not be a false witness. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.

L: Hear what Christ our Savior says: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

THE GLORIA PATRI....."Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

MISSIONARY/TITHES/OFFERING.....Finance Committee

CHILDREN'S MOMENT.....Pastor Hale

SERMONIC SELECTION

THE MESSAGE.....Pastor Hale

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP.....Pastor Hale

INVITATIONAL SELECTION.....MASS CHOIR

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....THE APOSTLES' CREED
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, dead and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

WELCOME.....Pastor Hale

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN #530....."LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Chief Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God, praying together in one voice our General Confession.

Celebrant and People: **ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our LORD, Jesus Christ, Creator and Judge of all people:**

We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against Your Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; Forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Response: *AMEN!*

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant: O Merciful Savior, we do not come to your holy table trusting in our own grace and mercy, but in the greatness of your mercy. We are not worthy enough to gather up the crumbs under your table. You are the LORD and your love has met, and always will meet, every human need. Grant us humble access to your love in the sacramental feast of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and wash away our sinful pride, so that in mercy we may be drawn near to you and to him who with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns one God, now and forever.

Choral Response: *AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!*

THE CONSECRATION

Chief Celebrant: All glory, power and honor to you, Almighty God, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth, who did make us in your own image. And when we fell into sin, you of your tender mercy did give your only begotten Son Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption: who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world: And instituted and commanded us to continue this perpetual memorial of his precious death until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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 in remembrance of me." In the same way also, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you

and many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore, with this bread and cup we remember the life our LORD offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Gracious God, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Bless and sanctify these gifts with your Holy Spirit and bless us to your service that we may faithfully receive in unity and peace the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ. Amen!

THE SOLICITATION

Chief Celebrant: You that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbor, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways, draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling.

THE ELEMENTS SHARED

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY.....BENEDICTION

— ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS —

TEACHING MOMENTS

Next Week's Scripture Lessons:

Fifth Sunday in Lent – Isaiah 43: 16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8

Church School for ALL Ages – 9:30am *Every Sunday*

Pastor's Bible Study – Every Wednesday @ 11:00am

MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

- Official Board Meeting, Monday, April 8, 6:00 p.m.
- Class Leaders Meeting – Monday, April 15, 6:00 p.m.
- Trustee Board – Wednesday, April 17, 2019 @ 12pm
- Lay Organization – Sunday, April 21, 2019 *Following the Benediction*
- Choir Rehearsal – EVERY Thursday @ 6:30pm
- YPD – Saturday, April 26, 2019 @ 12:00 noon
- Missionary Society – Sunday, April 28, *Following the Benediction*

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

- The Mary Creth Missionary Society and any volunteers are schedule to work the Woodford County Food Pantry on the following dates: **April 8 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., April 11 from 1:00-4:00 p.m., April 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., and April 18 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** Please contact Sis. Geraldine Brown with your availability.
- Wednesday, April 10, 3rd Quarterly Conference Reports (January 1-March 31, 2019) due to the Pastor.
- Sunday, April 12-14. Spring Rally Weekend with the following activities:
Friday, April 12, Movie Night here at the church at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 13, 5:00 p.m., Men's Choir Concert
Sunday, April 14, (Palm Sunday), St. Matthew AME Church, Midway, KY, Rev. Joshua Hale, Pastor, will be our Sunday School and 11:00 AM guest. Dinner will immediately follow the worship service.
- April 15-19, Holy Week
- Sunday, April 21, Easter
- Saturday, April 27, 11:00 a.m., Lay Workshop and Local Outstanding Lay Recognition with Kentucky Conference Lay President, Chris Wilson serving as the Workshop Presenter here at St. Paul. Lunch and Outstanding Lay Recognition will follow the workshop. All Lay (with the exception of clergy, are Laypersons) are urged to attend.
- Sunday, April 28, 11:00 a.m., **Lay Day.** Exhorter Doris Coffey of St. Paul AME Church, Lexington, KY will be the guest speaker. Taxation for Lay is \$30.00.
- Sunday, May 5, 11:00 a.m., Brown/Collins/Creth/Wilson/Middleton Day.
- Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day
- Monday, May 13, 7:00 p.m., Third Quarterly Conference with Presiding Elder Kenneth Golphin.
- Saturday, May 18, 11:00-Until, Mary Creth Missionary Society Soul Food Dinner here at the church.
- Sunday, May 19, 11:00 a.m., Annual Missionary Day.

REMINDERS

- 2018 Tax Receipts are available from the Ushers.
- Please be reminded that the taxation for Church Anniversary of \$171.00 is payable throughout the year and should be earmarked on your offering envelope as CA170.
- Conference Claims per member per month is \$15.00/\$180.00 per year. Please pay monthly to help meet our Conference assessments.
- The Seed Sowers Project is an ongoing project for the building fund of the church. Sow a seed and watch it grow. Mark on your envelope as "Seed". For more information contact Sis. Geraldine Brown.
- Mass and Men's Choir: Please be reminded of your monthly choir dues of \$10.00 per member per month. Also be reminded that Mass Choir rehearsal is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless notified otherwise.
- St. Paul's CD/DVD Ministry to the Sick and Shut-in: If you desire a CD or a DVD of the worship services, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.
- Need a ride to Church School or Church, please call Sis. Tanya Clark by Saturday at (859) 361-1426.

- Anyone interested in working with and learning about the DVD ministry, please see Bro. Ellis Collins.

• YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

- **Notice:** The Pastor and Trustees are asking if anyone has a **Key** to the Church, the Annex, or the Church Van, or any other key associated with Saint Paul's property, please report that to Sis. Marilyn Collins. We're trying to compile an accurate record of key holders for our Trustee Records and for insurance purposes. Thank you!
- **Notice:** If at any time you see water in the basement, please inform Bro. Richard Kirtley. We know that when water is found, those who do so take the initiative and clean it up, and for that we thank you! And we hope that you'll continue to help us by doing so, but we're also trying to ensure that our efforts to keep the water out of the basement are working. So, if you find water, thank you for mopping it up, and thank you for letting Bro. Kirtley know so we can keep track. – Pastor

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Mamie Brown	April 3
Kendra Howard	April 9
April D. Raglin	April 10
Stanford Jones	April 11
Renee Greenlee	April 21
Camari Jenkins	April 26
Kaleb Hale	April 30

OUR SICK & SHUT-IN

Charles Brown, Jr.	Jacqueline Greenlee
Roslyn Collins	Renee Scott-Smith
Phyllis Dockies	Russell Thornton

Our Known Community Sick and Shut-Ins

Armenta Chase	Mildred Jones	Odes Nash
Lorie Dale	Richard Kirtley, Jr.	Rev. James Smith
Lewis Givens	Betty Moseley	Frances Walker
Rev. Frederick Hale	Barbara Nash	Anna Williams
Corliss Howard		

Please remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Send them a card, call and visit to let them know you care.

SERMON NOTES

Date: _____

Songs we sang:



Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon
Title: _____

Sermon
Text: _____

List all Scripture references mentioned:

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Write some sentences about the sermon:


