



Bellflower UMC

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

GREETINGS<sup>1</sup>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING 

**207. Prepare the Way of the Lord.**

**Prepare the way of the Lord,**

**and all people will see the salvation of our God. (2x)**

OPENING PRAYER<sup>2</sup>

**Christ our God,**

**your love is poured out in death for our sakes.**

**Hold us in your embrace**

**as we wait for Easter's dawn.**

**Comfort us with the promise that no power on earth,**


**not even death itself,**

**can separate us from your love;**

**and strengthen us to wait**

**until you are revealed to us**

**in all your risen glory. Amen.**

HYMN  O Thou, Who through this holy week

*Words: J. M. Neale*

*Tune: 269*

O Thou, Who through this holy week

Didst suffer for us all;

The sick to heal, the lost to seek,

To raise up them that fall:

We cannot understand the woe

Thy love was pleased to bear:

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Consultation on Common Texts

O Lamb of God, we only know  
That all our hopes are there.

Thy feet the path of suffering trod,  
Thy hand the victory won:  
What shall we render to our God  
For all that He hath done?

To God, the blessèd Three in One,  
All praise and glory be:  
Crown, Lord, Thy servants who have won  
The victory through Thee.

FIRST READING

Job 14:1-14

PSALM

764. Psalm 31:1-16

HYMN 

140. Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER - #895

**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. Amen.**

## RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,**

**and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:1-8

## GOSPEL

John 19:38-42

## HYMN

365. Grace Greater than Our Sin

## SERMON

## OFFERING & PEACE

## DOXOLOGY - #95

## HOLY COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks**

**for this holy mystery**

**in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world**

**in the strength of your Spirit,**

**to give ourselves for others,**

**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

(the grace that forgives a multitude of sins)

and the love of God,

(our Rock and our Refuge)

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

(who causes us to live in God's will)

be with you all. Amen.

## POSTLUDE



## **Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday (BF Christian Church)	6pm 4/6
Good Friday Worship (Mt Vernon)	7pm 4/7
Saturday Outdoor Sunset Service (Mt Vernon)	7pm 4/8
Easter Sunrise Service (Mt Vernon)	6am 4/9
Easter Sunrise Service (Bellflower)	7am 4/9
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Bellflower)	8am 4/9
Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt (Mt Vernon)	9am 4/9
Worship (Bellflower)	9am 4/9
Worship (Mt Vernon)	10:30 4/9

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