



REJOICE FELLOWSHIP

A Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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John 12:20-33

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Pastor Maddie Tallman

C: indicates spoken responses by the congregation
P: indicates the Presiding Minister
A: indicates the Assisting Minister

Welcome to worship at Rejoice Fellowship! We have moved back to Facebook Live worship only at this time. We also have adopted a few safety measures for the small group that leads worship each week. The point of these measures is to ensure a high level of safety.

We thank you for your understanding as we try out new ways of being the church and worshiping during the pandemic, all to the glory of God.

A note about communion—we will be celebrating Holy Communion this morning. We invite you to gather a piece of bread and wine or juice before worship begins. After the Invitation to Communion, all can consume the elements and receive the blessed sacrament together, even if apart.

✠ Gathering ✠

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another, that we may turn towards you and begin the work of repentance.

C: Relational God, we confess before you our sin in the ways we have valued getting things done immediately over long term relationships. We have not loved you and all in whom you are reflected with our whole heart. We confess that in our desire to get things done quickly and conveniently, we neglect the needs and concerns of those with less power. We sacrifice the interests of marginalized communities for a sense of victory. We have not valued all the ways that communication and relationships develop but have prioritized the written word. Our perception has been narrow and our timing self-centered. We are sorry, and we humbly repent. We ask for your forgiveness. Help us to honor your timing and to follow the word you write in our hearts. Amen.

P: Hear the promise of God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist: you are saved by faith and your sin is forgiven. Through God's love, mercy, and justice, and by God's choosing, you have been set free from sin.

Now, with renewed hearts, let us serve others and honor the world God made, knowing the good news we have received is for all people. Amen.

C: Amen

GATHERING SONG

LET US GO NOW TO THE BANQUET

Vs. 1 English Vs. 2 Spanish Vs 3 English



Refrain / Estribillo

Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



Refrain / Estribillo

cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 Dios invita a todos los pobres
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores
y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo

3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo
una mesa donde haya igualdad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

KYRIE

A "KYRIE" (PRONOUNCED KEE-REE-AYE) IS A PORTION OF ANCIENT PRE-CHRISTIAN LITURGY THAT INVOKES CHRIST AND ASKS FOR MERCY. IT IS ALSO CALLED KYRIE ELEISON, WHICH IN GREEK MEANS "LORD HAVE MERCY."

A: For the times we prize our self-interest and individuality over the well-being of others.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the ways in which we treat others as less than based on what we see instead of seeing through the eyes of Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

A: For the ways in which progress, perfection, and fear of conflict get in the way of love.

C: Lord, have mercy.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Eternal God, you wrote your law and placed your guiding Word in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit. You promise us eternal life, freeing us from the need to do it all right now. Help us to be present to the many ways you communicate with us and we communicate with one another. Give us the patience to pause and examine our sense of urgency, placing faith in your eternal nature.

C: Amen.

✠ Word ✠

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹The 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. ³³But 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.

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Let us return to God whose Word gives us life.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 12:20-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

²⁷Now 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.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR MADDIE TALLMAN

MUSICAL OFFERING

GLORIFY THY NAME

Graham Hendrick

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition:

A: Hear us O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to safely share a greeting of Christ's peace with one another.

✠ Meal ✠

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

We are blessed by your generosity! Tithes and offerings can be sent in two ways: electronically by clicking here: <https://rb.gy/ryhn0m> ; or physical checks/cash can be mailed to the office at 105 1st Ave SW, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Thank you for opening your heart!

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy provider, we thank you for the ways in which you have provided for us. Help us know the difference between the things given to us by you, the result of our work, the gifts of community, and that which comes to us as a result of privilege. By your grace, bring us to a spirit of generosity with our talents, possessions, and energy that we might bear witness to your abundance.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: God is here

C: All is not lost

P: May our hearts be open

C: And able to receive

P: Let us give thanks for grace unending

C: That our world might one day be restored

P: We lift up our praise to you, Holy God of justice, who has promised to restore the beautiful kingdom ... calling us to join with angels and saints of every race and culture, praising you and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy God, giver of gospel and law, heaven and earth reflect your intended diversity. We adore you God. Blessed is the Savior who comes to bring the Holy Advocate into our world. We adore you God.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: God, our creator, you gave your only child...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver

us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus draws the whole world to himself. Come to this meal and be fed.

You are invited to consume your own bread and wine/juice, participating in this blessed sacrament.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy One-in-Three, through your death, we are fed with the bread of life. Let us follow your way to the cross, to be for others a sign of your compassion and life. As you have fed us, let us go out to be part of feeding the world.

C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: May God lead you to openness that grants understanding.

May God guide you to accountability that begins restoration.

May God inspire you to transforming love that celebrates all people and all creation.

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

THE LORD NOW SENDS US FORTH

Vs 1 in English Vs 1 in Spanish Vs. 1 in English

En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta, es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,

pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain

un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;

me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.

A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

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A: Wherever you go from here, be at peace and share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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