

Valley Christian Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25,28-31,34

MEDITATION

“Consider the Lilies”

CALL TO WORSHIP

We begin our service O God with thanking you for springtime.
Like a gentle rain, God's love refreshes our lives.
Like the springtime song of the birds, God's grace cheers our souls.
Like the delicate beauty of daffodils, God's creation delights our eyes.
Like the lengthening of days, God's presence brings light into our worrisome darkness.
We are touched by messages of hope from our loving creator.
Praise be to God.

HYMN

“God, Who Touches Earth With Beauty”

*God who touches earth with beauty,
Make my heart anew;
With thy Spirit recreate me
Pure and strong and true.*

*Like thy springs and running waters,
Make me crystal pure;
Like thy rocks of towering grandeur,
Make me strong and sure.*

*Like thy dancing waves in sunlight,
Make me glad and free;
Like the straightness of the pine trees
Let me upright be.*

HYMN

have to say to us.
Pain, fear, disease, loneliness, despair – these things have been always with us in life. Therefore, in these challenging days these things will crush us if we forget to see the flowers. If we forget the words of Jesus who said to consider the lilies of the field, and not to worry.
Let me end this meditation with a prayer, “O God, the Easter lily has a distinctive fragrance. In a similar way, Lord, you have anointed my life with its own aroma. Let me use my faith, talents and abilities that others may know You by the sweet scent of your goodness and love in my life. Amen

“In the Garden”

INVOCATION

Eternal God of heaven and earth, rivers and seas, forests and fields, mountains and valley. Also God of city and village, freeways and highways, shopping malls and restaurants, and classrooms and hospital rooms. There is no place where you are not present. You are now here in this moment of worship. Prepare us now to receive your living Word with joy through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses
And he walks with me
And he talks with me
And he tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

We worship you for creating this beautiful garden we call the world, and also for sustaining it, so that evil does not completely overwhelm it. As we worship in our homes, may we find nourishment for our souls, so that we come away renewed and encouraged. We rejoice in the freshness of spring. As much as we appreciate the beauty of this time of year, let us remember that the renewal you offer is not automatic, occurring with the passage of time like the seasons. Your renewal arises out of grace, from your choice to forgive, love and bless us. Amen.

CALL TO COMMUNION

As we come to communion in the comfort of our home, may the bread which is broken bring life to us. May the holy cup, poured out for all, be our salvation.

COMMUNION PRAYER

As we receive this holy meal, forgive our sins, renew in us the power of Your love and strengthen us for our ministry in the world. All this we ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ who taught us to pray. Our Father ...

HOLY COMMUNION

Partake of the holy communion
(Bread, juice or whatever is available to you)

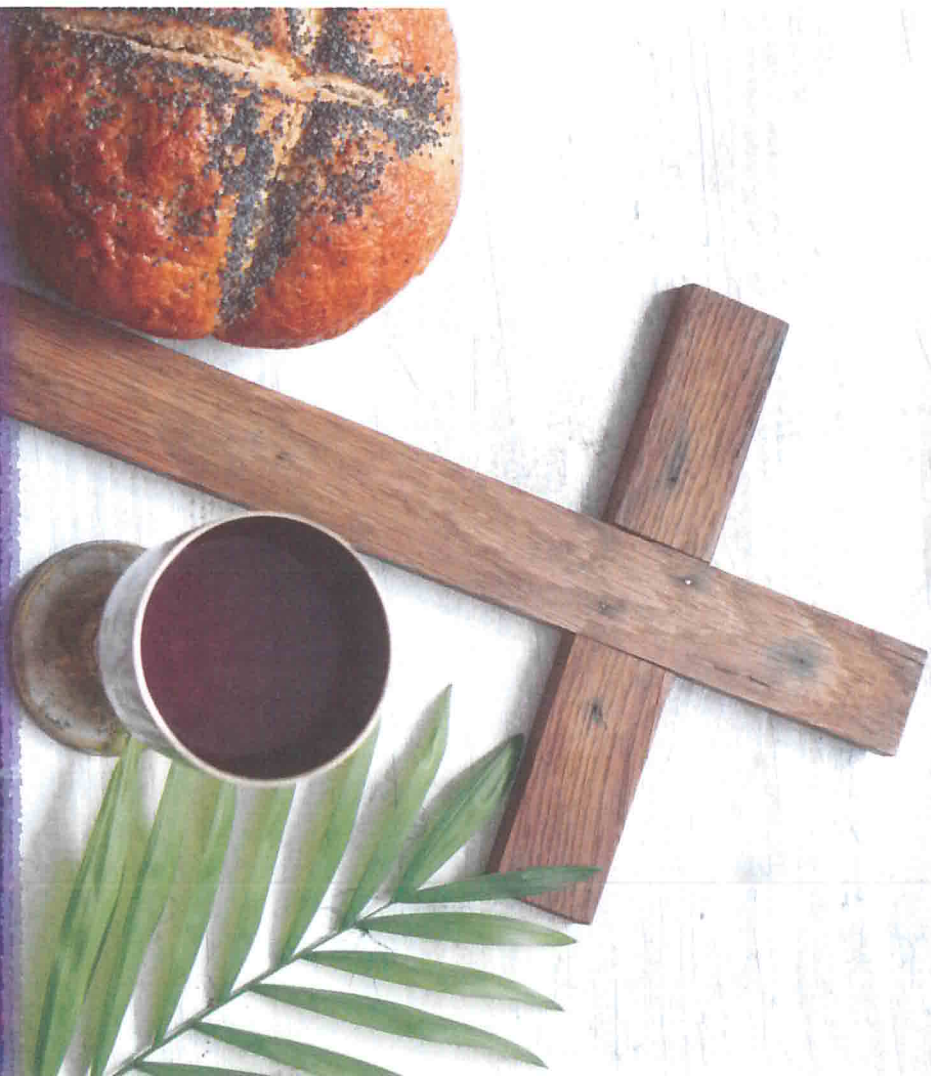
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night He was betrayed Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body that is broken for you. Take eat and do this in remembrance of me." In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Drink of it often in remembrance of me"

BENEDICTION

Carry with you the blessing of God as you go out into this beautiful spring world of God. Go with the peace of God in your hearts. Amen.

LENT



The kingdom of God is at hand.

Mark 1:15