



Welcome in the Name of The Triune God

**March 21, 2021
5th Sunday of Lent**

- **Prelude by Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**

**Scripture Focus:
Zacchaeus**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

**P: We confess our sins before God and
one another.**

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of mercy,

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

P: God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord.

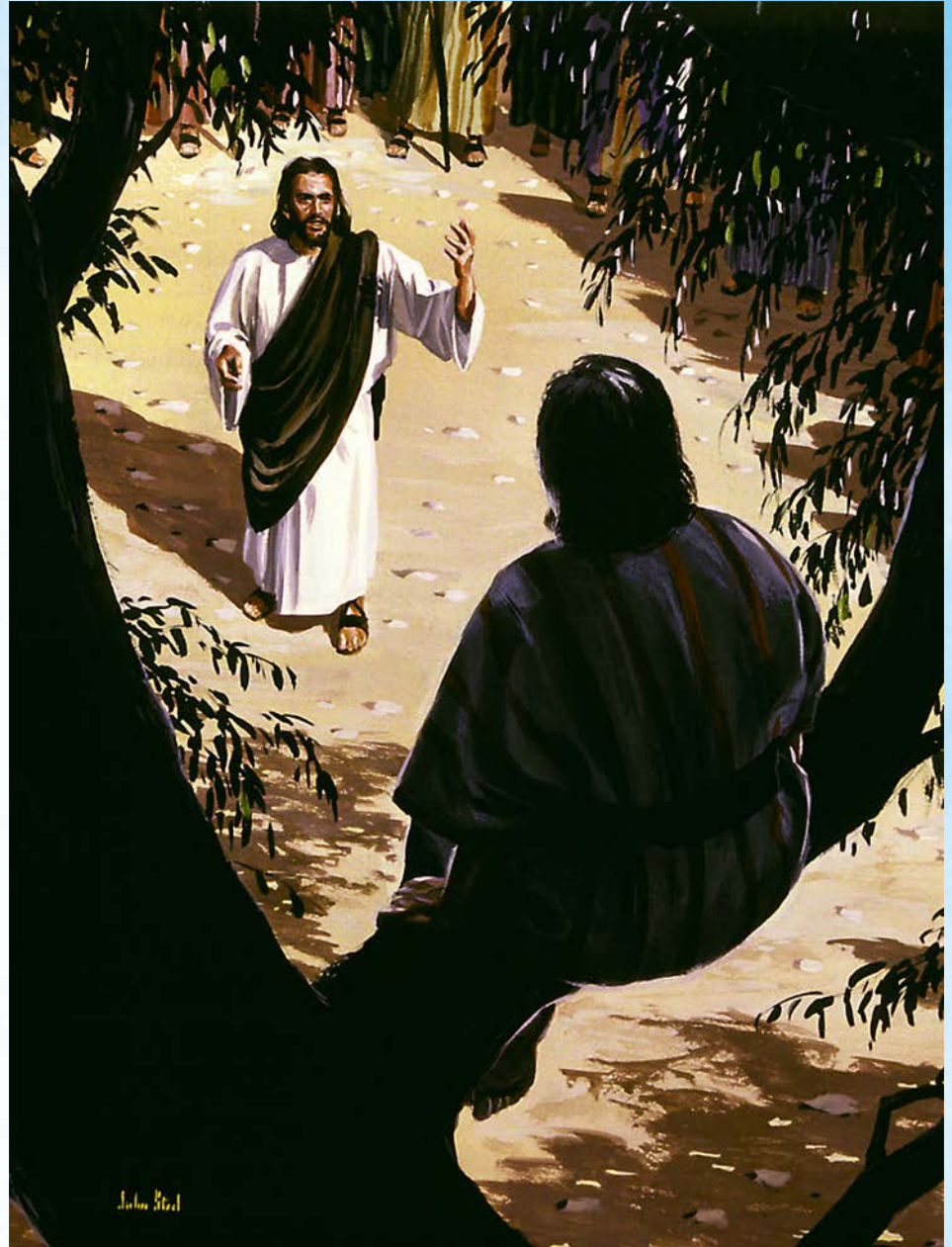
C: Amen.

* Hymn of Praise

Be Thou My
Vision

ELW 793

(Verses
1 & 3
Only)



* Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

1 Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art:
thou my best thought
both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

* Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

3 Riches I heed not, nor
vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance,
now and always:
thou and thou only,
the first in my heart,
great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

* APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Compassionate God, You welcomed all people and did not hold their misfortunes against them. Encourage us also to set aside our prejudice and show the same unbiased mercy you demonstrated, through Jesus Christ.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Amen.

• **Scripture Reading** **Luke 18:31-19:10**

R: The Scripture reading is from the Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 18th and 19th Chapter.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: **Glory to you O' Lord!** *(Spoken)*

• Scripture Reading Luke 18:31-19:10

³¹Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise

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again.”³⁴ But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵ As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷ They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” ³⁸ Then he

• Scripture Reading Luke 18:31-19:10

shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ³⁹Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁰Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹“What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.”

• Scripture Reading Luke 18:31-19:10

⁴²Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.”

⁴³Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was

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trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he hurried

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down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.”

⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”

• Scripture Reading Luke 18:31-19:10

⁹Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

• **Scripture Reading** **Luke 18:31-19:10**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)



Sermon

Zacchaeus was a wee, little man,
And a wee, little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree,
For the Lord he wanted to see.

And as the Savior came that way,
He looked up in the tree,

Spoken: And he said, "Zaccheus, you
come down from there, "

For I'm going to your house today.
For I'm going to your house today.



Sermon

Zacchaeus was a wee little man,
But a happy little man was he,
Zacchaeus saw the Lord that day
And a happy man was he;
And a very happy man was he.



Sermon



The Sister Act

* NICENE CREED

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: 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.

* NICENE CREED

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

* NICENE CREED

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

**C: 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.**

* NICENE CREED

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

* NICENE CREED

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

**C: 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.**

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God of Love,

The congregation will respond with:

C: Hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: And also with you.



OFFERING PRAYER

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: We pray as Jesus taught...

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

**C: 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,**

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

C: 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 and ever. Amen.

* **SENDING BLESSING**

P: You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

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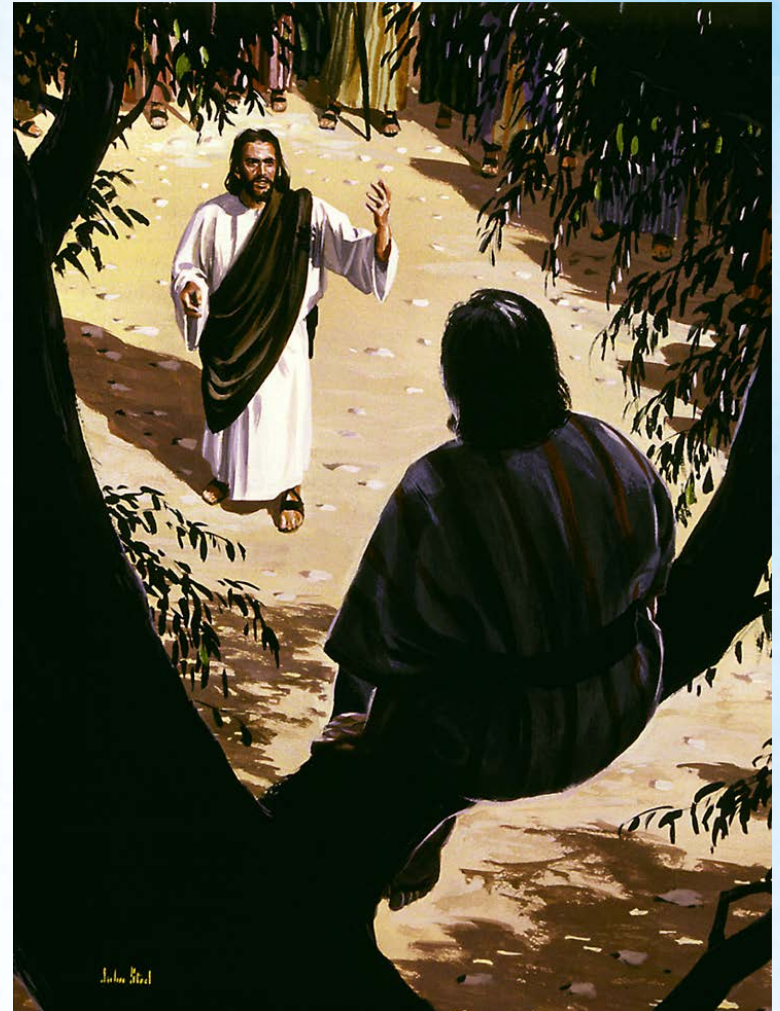
C: Amen.

* SENDING SONG

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

What A Friend We
Have in Jesus

LBW 439



*What A Friend We Have In Jesus LBW 439

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus LBW 439

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

2 Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

*What A Friend We Have In Jesus LBW 439

The congregation may sing with facemasks on:

**3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

* DISMISSAL

P: Until we gather again as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love,

The congregation may respond with facemasks on:

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all.
Amen!**

Postlude by Roxanne Groff

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