

6 April 2022



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Lent 5: The Book of Esther

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and holy God, your Son, in obedience to the Spirit, fasted forty days in the desert: give us grace to discipline ourselves that we may press on towards Easter with eager faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PREACHER: Revd. Chesnay Frantz

PRESIDER: Revd. Chesnay Frantz

READING: Esther 5:1-8 *Our Esther story*

HYMNS: SOF

Introit: 519 Take my life and let it be

Offertory: 593 What a friend we have in Jesus

Recessional: 418 O Jesus I have promised

Lent 2022: Week 5

We have now come to the final installment of our Lenten sojourn. In just a few days we will remember how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem, with the crowds shouting; HOSSANA!! In as much as that moment marks a triumphal entry it marks a journey towards the cross, and ultimately the resurrection.

Today, however we are called to continue and savor the taste of the Esther story for a little bit longer, Lent is a time of slowing down as I alluded to in my first Lenten note, but too often we get excited about the next best thing, in this case Easter and we almost lose the value of the previous season; the gift to PAUSE. Let us pause we just a while, as we recall the story of Esther and in so doing remember our own story.

Esther has invited us into a powerful space over the past few weeks, where we were able to engage and reflect on just how important our story is. The story of Esther starts off very unassuming, and over a course of a few chapters evolves into a story of liberation and freedom. So too each of us in telling our story enter a space of liberation and freedom, not only setting ourselves free but in telling our story liberating others to tell their story.

God bless.

Fr. Chesnay

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAM 2022

Palm Sunday

07:15- Holy Eucharist and blessing of palms

09:30- Holy Eichhorst and procession of witness

Monday in Holy Week

19:00- Stations of the cross

Tuesday in Holy Week

19:00- Taize service

Wednesday in Holy Week

09:45 & 19:00- Healing service in the context of a Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

19:00- Commemoration of the last supper, washing of feet and stripping of altar. *Vigil until 22:30*

Good Friday

09:00- Veneration of the cross

12:00- 3 Hour devotion with music

Easter day

06:00- Holy Eucharist and renewal of baptismal vows

09:15-Holy Eucharist and Baptism

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