



The Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025

Musical Prelude

The Prelude music begins at 10 a.m. for the 10:15 service and is our time of quiet reflection, solitude, and prayer.

Processional: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus (561)

The Acclamation

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: His mercy endures forever.

The Collect for Purity

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Decalogue

Reader: God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Reader: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Reader: You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Reader: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Reader: Honor your father and your mother.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Reader: You shall not murder.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Reader: You shall not commit adultery.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Reader: You shall not steal.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Reader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Reader: You shall not covet.

All: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.

Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Kyrie

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated for the readings of the Holy Scripture. The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

First Lesson: Psalm 126 Page 657

Reader: ¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of

Zion,*

All: we were like those who dream.

Reader: ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy;*

All: then they said among the nations,

"The LORD has done great things for them."

Reader: ³ The LORD has done great things for us;*

All: we are glad.

Reader: ⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,*

All: like streams in the Negeb!

Reader: ⁵ Those who sow in tears*

All: shall reap with shouts of joy!

Reader: ⁶ He who goes out weeping,

bearing the seed for sowing,*

All: shall come home with shouts of joy,

bringing his sheaves with him.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit:*

All: as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21 Page 768

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷ who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Speak, O Lord

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

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Gospel Lesson: Luke 20:9-19 Page 1118

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.'

What then will the owner of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!"

But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone?

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: "Blood, Toil, Tears & Sweat"

The Reverend Matthew L. Rusch

The Nicene Creed

All stand for the recitation of the creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; 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

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

his kingdom will have no end.

Prayers of the People

As you prefer, you may kneel, sit, or remain standing for our prayers.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world,

saying, "Hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord,

in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For Steve Wood, our Archbishop, and Alex

Farmer and David Bryan, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese

and congregations:

St. Barnabas Church, Jacksonville;

New Life Anglican Church, Lake Placid;

St. Peter's Mission, Meridian, Mississippi; Jody Farmer, Don Schulze, Sam Rollason.

and Ed Steele.

Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home

and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple

others. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are

persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our nation, for those in authority, and for all

in public service, especially President Trump, Governor DeSantis, and Mayor Deegan. Lord,

in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need,

sickness, or any other adversity. Lord, in your

mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who have departed this life

in the certain hope of the resurrection, especially Bruce Page, in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in

your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

You may now add your own prayers here either silently or aloud.

The Priest offers concluding prayers.

Priest: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for

the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and for ever. Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have
left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Comfortable Words

Priest: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

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

All: And with your spirit.

The people stand and greet one another proclaiming to one another the peace of God that comes from Christ and Him crucified.

Blessing of the Children & Announcements

All pray together from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer page 667 #68 and say,

All: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless them and guide them, and keep them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts! Psalm 96:8

Offertory: Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus! (495)

Doxology

The Congregation stands for the Doxology.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him all creatures here below: Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sursum Corda

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus (S-129)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

As we continue in prayer, you may sit, stand or kneel, as you prefer.

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us.

In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Priest: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

> Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

> Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this your table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by
his body, and our souls washed through his most
precious blood, and that we may evermore
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. During Communion, the Congregation is invited to sing.

Communion 1: At the Name of Jesus (435 vs 1-4)

Communion 2: Jesus Paid it All

I hear the Saviour say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all

Chorus:

Jesus paid it all All to Him I owe Sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

For nothing good have I Whereby Thy grace to claim I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calvary's Lamb

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Post Communion Prayer

After Holy Communion, the Priest and Congregation pray together.

All: Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Recessional: How Firm a Foundation (637)

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Fellowship Offerings

Regular childcare is available from 9 a.m. until noon, on the first floor of the education building.

Sunday Morning Groups starting at 9:15 a.m.

Rector's Forum: Father Matt is presenting teaching on

1 Corinthians in the fellowship hall.

Zechariah: led by Hayes Howard

Today is the last day of the study of Zechariah. Our next study will be Malachi.

Women's Study of Mark:

Join us each **Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m.** in the education building, second door on the right, for a woman's study on the Gospel of Mark, using Kay Arthur's book which is available at the class. Led by Kitsy Wedekind and Teresa Cooksey.

Wednesday Noon: Come Wednesdays from 12 to 12:45 p.m. to enjoy a teaching followed by the Eucharist.

Ladies' Thursday Sewing Group:

WE WILL MEET ON THE 4TH THURSDAY IN APRIL DUE TO HOLY WEEK.

We meet to make simple dresses and shorts for needy children. This year we will help with Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes and OKOA-US refuge in Africa. We gather to cut, sew, hem and do the finishing touches to make 300 dresses a year. Join us for fun and fellowship from 9-11:30 a.m. upstairs, in the education building. No sewing skills necessary.

Friday Men's Fellowship Group and Breakfast:

Currently we are studying <u>Exodus for You</u> by Tim Chester. Come for breakfast and discussion at **8:00 a.m.** each Friday in the **fellowship hall.**

Friday Young(ish) Men's Lunch:

We grow stronger in our faith together. Come join this lively men's community group as we discuss Sunday's sermon text. We meet at noon each Friday at the Falafel X Bar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Discretionary Fund: On the first Sunday of each month, we collect cash offerings for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. These resources are used for special needs within the church family.

<u>Palm Sunday Service</u>: There will be <u>only one service at 10:15 a.m.</u>

Eggstravaganza!: Sunday, April 13, at 11:45 a.m., join us for family fun and egg hunts.

Easter Lilies: Lilies are \$20 each. Please put your check in the offering plate and note "Flower Fund" on the memo line. If you wish to make a dedication, you can do so in the Flower Book, which is located in the fellowship hall.

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday ~ April 17 at 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service ~ April 18 at 12:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Services April 20 at 7 a.m. at the Florida Yacht Club 10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity <u>1 Corinthians</u>: Every Wednesday Father Matt presents a teaching on 1 Corinthians in the fellowship hall beginning at **6 p.m.**

Every Sunday Father Matt is presenting a teaching on 1 Corinthians in the fellowship hall starting at 9:15 a.m.

Youth Group: Meets tonight from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Youth Room upstairs in the education building

<u>Sunday School and Youth Classes</u>: Classes for children and youth start at 9:15 a.m. in the education building.

VESTRY

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- 5 Debbie Croft
- 5 Charlotte Gaffney
- 7 Kelly Brustman
- 8 Louisa Cooper
- 13 Pat Carter
- 17 Jolita Brazzano
- 17 Nedward Howard
- 17 Nancy Nooney
- 22 Mark Simons
- 22 Bert Ralston
- 27 Michael Saunders
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