

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



Lent 2021

Abounding
in
Steadfast Love

Holy Eucharist
March 21, 2021 10:30 am

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Our mission is to be a community of Christian worship, well-being and service.

We hope you will experience God's own welcome in this place and through our online ministry.

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Welcome and Announcements

All may stand at the ringing of the church bell.

Opening Hymn: Return to God

Angotti

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People His mercy endures forever.

The Great Commandment

Mark 12:29-31

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All may bow or kneel as you are able. Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Angotti

The Word of God

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 the 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.**

The people may be seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It 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. But 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. No 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-13

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

**For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.**

**Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**

**And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All may stand for the Gospel Procession

Gospel Acclamation: Return to the Lord, your God

Karin Larsen

Verse: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very 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. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now 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. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Jennifer Pedrick

All may stand for the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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. 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; 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.

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. 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 the People

Leader Holy God, we pray for the church. May she drink deeply from living springs and be tended by angels in the wilderness. We pray for our church as we travel the deserts in trust and hope.

Response **For you are gracious and merciful slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader Holy God, we pray for the healing of the world. May we remember that we are all interconnected, that the well-being of some depends on the well-being of the whole. Guide us in peace, that we may stand against violence, injustice and terrorism in all their forms.

Response **For you are gracious and merciful slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader Holy God, we pray for this nation. May we be healed from all that divides and weakens our resolve to love and serve all people. We pray for all who are recovering from the winter devastation. Restore our common life, that we may shine like a lamp on a hill.

Response **For you are gracious and merciful slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader Holy God, we pray for all who suffer, including those on our prayer list Priscilla, Judith, Mary, Kathy, Carrington, Rene, Pauline and those people or situations we name aloud.

The people may offer their own prayers.

May every sadness find you at its heart, and may there be grace when we suffer.

Response **For you are gracious and merciful slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Leader Holy God, we pray for the departed, remembering especially those who have died of Covid-19 and those beloved whom we name aloud...

Response **For you are gracious and merciful slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Celebrant God of mercy and grace, lead us to new life in your steadfast love. Change our hearts, mend our brokenness, and lead us to any who need us, for the sake of Jesus, your beloved Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory: Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

Hymnal 1982 #686

The Holy Communion

If you would like to make an offering, please do so on line or when you come for drive through Holy Communion

The people may stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Eucharistic Prayer

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant continues...

...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:

Sanctus and Benedictus: #858

WLP

The celebrant continues...

<i>Celebrant</i>	Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
<i>People</i>	Christ has died.
	Christ is risen.
	Christ will come again.

The celebrant continues...

...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

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction: We Come to You

Blakesley

Communion Music: God Our Source of Life Unite Us

Thomson

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song: Lord Jesus, Son of Righteousness

Hymnal 1982 #144

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