

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

Sunday, March 21, 2021

## PRELUDE

## Gathering

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
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Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**TRISAGION #160 Holy God (Sung twice)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,



ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers.

Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Word**

**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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 51:1-12**

*Sung by cantor.*



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
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 offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.**

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

**Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.**

**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

**Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Cantor: May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

*Acclamation repeated by all.*

**GOSPEL** *John 12:20-33*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #330** Seed That in Earth is Dying



1 Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of  
2 We were bap - tized in Je - sus, in - to his death and  
3 Seed that in earth is dy - ing ris - es to bear much



grain.  
grave,  
fruit. Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel  
to res - ur - rec - tion's prom - ise:  
Christ, as we meet at your ta - ble,



turn in - to gold - en wine. God, through this mys - ter - y grant us  
praise and e - ter - nal life. Heav - en's own prais - es be - gin here  
give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and a - dore you!



faith in our deep - est dark - ness, life in our night and death.  
where you your - self are near us, deep in our night and death.  
Un - ceas - ing praise of the a - ges ris - es from night and death.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day, he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

# Meal

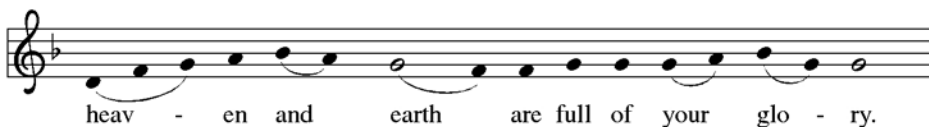
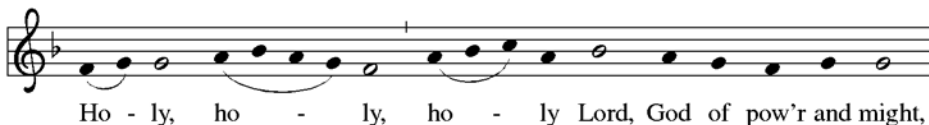
## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS

*Sung by cantor.*



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

... Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Spoken by all.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

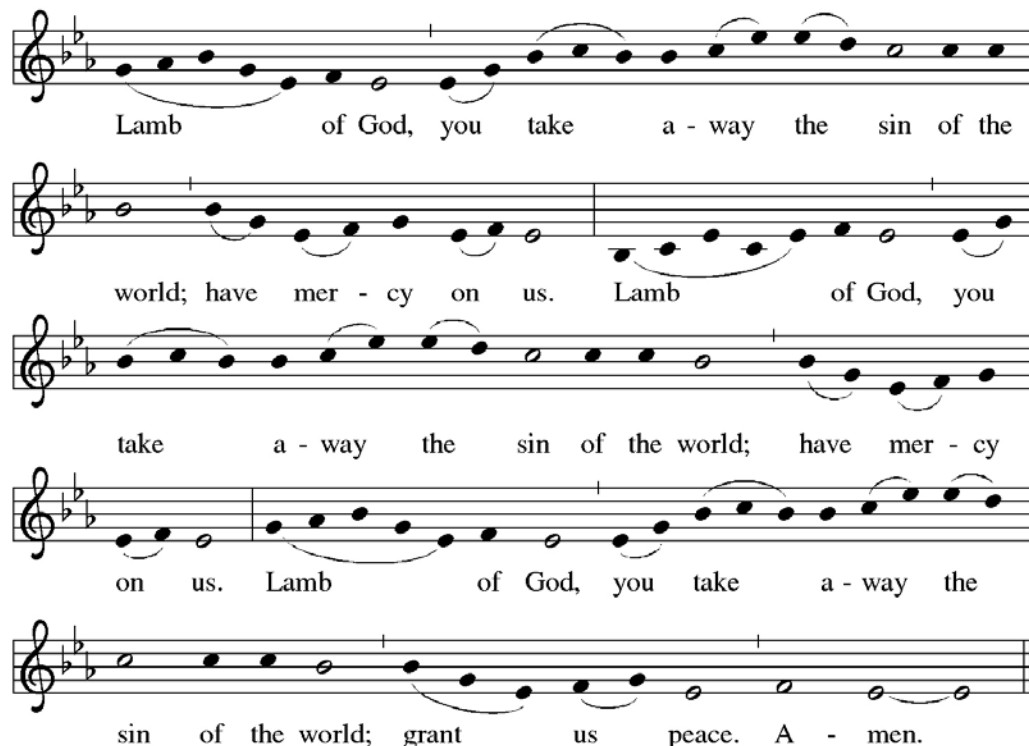
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory.  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD

*Sung by cantor.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### Sending

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN #337 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



- 1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?
- 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
- 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
- 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
- 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in d minor (BuxWV 155) | Dietrich Buxtehude

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# The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

*Of all Lenten hymns and prayers, one short prayer can be termed the Lenten prayer. Tradition ascribes it to one of the great teachers of spritual life, St. Ephraim the Syrian.*

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness, lust of power and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to your servant. Yea O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed unto ages of ages. Amen.

## Serving today

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Cantor	Andrew Stevens

Prayers provided by Sue Bangert

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