

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Morning Prayer Rite II

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Hymn: In the Cross of Christ

Sung by all

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All God's mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue

Said by all

Opening Sentence

Presider Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

Confession of Sin & Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,**

**united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.
Amen**

Presider 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.

The Invitatory & Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Presider The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Come let us adore him.

Kyrie

Sung by all

The Psalm of the Day 51:1-13

Led by Jerry Hanen

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.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Read by Morgan McGuire

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Servant Song

sung by Motomi Tanaka

A reading from the Gospel of John

Read by Deacon John Musco

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 word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Kimberlee Auletta

Canticle 14 A Song of Penitence

sung by Sophie Delphis

The Apostles Creed

said in unison

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

The Offertory

We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

Doxology

Sung by all

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Presider And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264

Sung by all

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Prayers

Led by Daria Rigney

Merciful God, come to us as you came to Noah.

Come to the caves of our lives –
 caves we have created,
 and caves we have sought;
Caves to which we have been sent,
 caves in which we now reside.
Come to the caves of our world –
 caves of containment,
 and caves of protection;
Caves of solace and anxiety,
 caves that quickly become tombs.

Gracious God, come to us as you came to Abraham and Sarah.

Call us back to life –
 life created by you,
 and life sustained by you;
Life in relationship with you,
 life in service to others.
Call us back to life –
 life that is hope in despair,
 and peace in unsettled times.
Life that is joy in sorrow,
 love beyond understanding.

Loving God, come to us as you came to Moses.

Unbind us and set us free –
 liberate shackles of sadness,
 and burdens too heavy to bear.
Release us from fear that inhibits
 deliver us in your grace.
Unbind us and set us free –
 call us to community,
 and fuel us for connection.
Show us your way,
 inspire us to walk with you.
Through the renewing power of your Spirit,
and grounded in the words you teach us to pray.

Dear people of God, what else, and who else, should we pray for?

*** Please give silence after each person speaks before you add your petition. You can also write your prayer in the chat.*

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Lenten Prayer *by Henri Nouwen*

led by Jan Hanen

Friends, please join in our closing prayer:

My loving Lord,

**it's so hard to love the world sometimes
and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible.**

**Help me to be inspired by his love and
guided by his example.**

**Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it alone,
and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness.**

I need you, dear God, to give me support in this journey.

**Show me how to unlock my heart
so that I am less selfish.**

**Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness
that will be transformed by you into Easter joy.**

The Benediction

Presider May Christ who calls you to take up your cross give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: When We Survey the Wondrous Cross Sung by all

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace

Time for Check-in

Parish Announcements

Holy Week & Easter at Holy Apostles

Holy Week is fast approaching. Our schedule for Palm Sunday (March 28th) through the Second Sunday of Easter (April 11th)

- **Palm Sunday**
 - **10am Zoom Service**
 - **12noon Procession of the Palm**
- **Maundy Thursday**
 - **5pm Agape Meal Zoom**
 - **7:30pm Zoom service**
- **Good Friday**
 - **12noon Zoom service**
- **Easter Vigil**
 - **8pm in person with Eucharist**
- **Easter Day**
 - **10am Zoom**
- **2nd Sunday of Easter**
 - **10am Zoom**
 - **11am This Little Light & Easter Egg Hunt for small children 5 and under**
 - **11:30am Coffee Hour to Go at church**