

5th Sunday in Lent March 21, 2021

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn #455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

Dear God, compassionate and kind, forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise, in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like those who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them without a word
rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee!

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee, the silence of eternity
interpreted by love, interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still calm voice of calm, O still calm voice of calm.

THE GREETING

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,**
all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Trisagion

Celebrant **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

All **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us. (x2)**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you
created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those
who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reader 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

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

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

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

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

Leader And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.

People **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

Leader For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

People **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Leader Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

People **Hide your face from my sins**

and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

People **Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Leader Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Reader So also 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.**

Holy Gospel John 12:20-33

Gospeler The Lord be with you
People **And also with you**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **"Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

Gospeler The Gospel of Christ
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON The Rev. Canon Gloria Master

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
All **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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "**Lord, have mercy.**"

Intercessor For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you,

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lay Reader Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Lay Reader Most merciful God,

All 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 neighbours 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #500 Sister, Let me Be Your Servant

Sister let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to let me be your servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the words you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we see this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

Celebrant God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.. **Amen**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER # 4

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the
universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island
home; by your will they were created and have their being.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us
with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one
another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of
a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and
bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and
peace. **People** Glory to you for ever and ever.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

All **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.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF BREAD

Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace,

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant Those wishing to do so may make their spiritual communion by joining in this prayer with me now:

People: **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, now be enthroned in my heart; may you who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant **Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendor of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

DOXOLOGY

Celebrant Glory to God,
All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #374 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of mighty Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus, out of every nation, hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore."

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, thou on earth our food our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinners sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lord we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne,
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus, out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.