

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

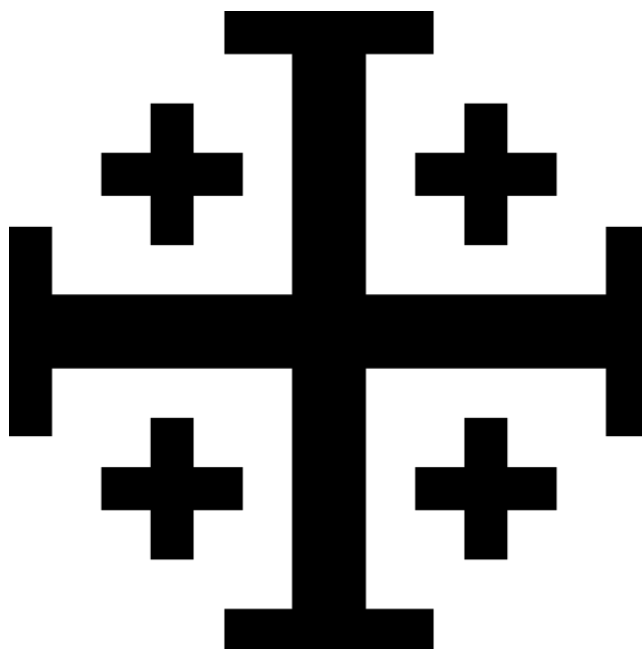
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | MARCH 17, 2024 - 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Adagio from Symphony No. 2 - Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Please stand as the bell sounds.



HYMN IN PROCESSION

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

Words: Thomas H. Cain (b. 1931)

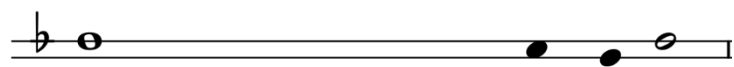
Music: *Old 124th*, melody Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867–1944)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the God of our salvation,

The People respond



who bears our burdens and for-gives our sins.

THE CONFESSION

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God, who is generous in mercy and full of compassion.

All kneel or bow, as you are able, and pray in silence, then saying:

God of all mercy,
 we confess that we have sinned against you,
 opposing your will in our lives.
 We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done,
 and the evil done on our behalf.
 Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
 through our Savior Jesus Christ,
 that we may abide in your love
 and serve only your will.
Amen.

The Celebrant says

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

Amen.

THE KYRIE

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

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Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris-te e - le - i - son. Chris-te e - le - i - son.

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Setting: James McGregor (b. 1930), after *Verbum caro factum est*, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

In our hearts, O God, you have written a covenant of grace, sealed by the obedience of Jesus your Son. Raise us up with Christ, the grain fallen to earth that yields a harvest of everlasting life. Bring us to glorify your name by following faithfully where he has led. We ask this through Christ, our deliverance and hope, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

Amen.

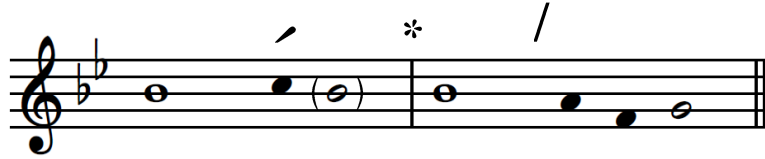
THE LESSON *seated*

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.



How shall young ones cleanse their wáys? *

By keeping / to your words.

With my whole heart I séek you; *

let me not stray from your / commandments.

I treasure your promise in my héart, *

that I may not sin / against you.

Blest are you, O Gód; *

instruct me in / your statutes.

With my lips will I recíte *

all the judgments / of your mouth.

I have taken greater delight in the way of your decréés *

than in all manner / of riches.

I will meditate on your commándments *

and give attention / to your ways.

My delight is in your státutes; *

I will not for- / get your word.

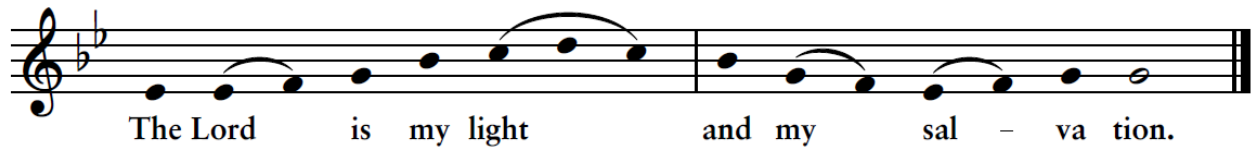
Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers 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.

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Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION *standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it brought among the People*

The Cantor sings the Refrain, and the People repeat it.



The Choir or Cantor sings

“Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth,” *
let Israel now say;

“Greatly have they oppressed me since my youth, *
but they have not prevailed against me.”

All sing the Refrain

They scored my back as with a ploughshare, *
and made their furrows long.

Our God, the Righteous One, *
has cut the cords of the wicked.

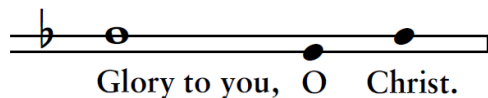
All sing the Refrain

Refrain: Will Doreza
Psalm Tone: harm. Thomas Stolzer (1480-1526)

THE GOSPEL *The Deacon or Priest intones*

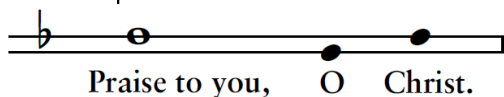
John 12:20-33

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



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.



A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

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, She* is worshipped and glorified. She 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.

**Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word,
and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, in faith, we pray:

For reconciliation between the violated and the violent,
That we may rest in your peace.

For generosity between rich and poor people everywhere,
That we may share the abundance of your creation.

For the growth of love between broken peoples and nations,
That we may shape our common life as your kingdom.

For mutual respect between immigrants and insiders,
That we may welcome your image in all who come to us.

For protection for the weak and humility for the strong,
That we may serve others as you serve us in Christ.

For what else shall we pray?

Please offer your own prayers aloud or in silence.

For all the joys and concerns of our hearts,
That we may live with gladness and trust.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, saying

God of hope, from you come every blessing and all peace: Show us that, in the midst of our struggle and suffering, you are with us. Give us the abundance of your grace that we may do the work you give us to do and that we may be for the world a sign of your presence; through Christ, our Way, our Truth, and our life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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SACRED GROUND COMMISSIONING, CIRCLES 4 AND 5

at 11:00am service

Following the announcements, the Celebrant invites the Sacred Ground participants to come forward.

Dear People of God, in building Christ's beloved community, we are called to love all people, respect all people, and work for the good of all people. We must stand alongside God's children of every race, language, and culture, and work together as agents of justice, peace, and reconciliation.

You, as St. Paul's fourth circle of Sacred Ground, have given yourselves, with courage and dedication, to the work of learning our country's history of racial division and injustice in its deeper dimensions. As you close this circle of learning, and continue this journey of healing and transformation, you are now called to continue risking yourselves for the sake of God's love, following your call to seek and serve Christ in all people.

You who enter in to this fifth circle of learning: This work involves risking who we have been for the sake of who God is calling us to be, moving beyond ourselves in order to seek and serve Christ in one another. We are all called to the work and ministry of God's restorative justice and reconciliation.

Will you continue to persevere in prayer and fellowship?

I will, with God's help.

Will you continue to proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, those with whom you agree and disagree?

I will, with God's help.

Will you dedicate yourselves to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?

I will, with God's help.

Will you pledge to work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?

I will, with God's help.

In the name of God and of this Church, I commission you to continue the good work you have begun; to stand up, speak out, and live into becoming Beloved Community in your lives, in this community, and in the world.

Amen.

The whole congregation prays together this prayer of self-offering.

O God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the loving kindness of Jesus, heal us as we seek to be a healing presence in the communities in which we live. Renew us, and make us witnesses to your wholeness in our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction, and strengthen us to love others who are unlike us. May God make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may be Christ's Beloved Community in our own day.

Amen.

CIRCLE FOUR

Bethany Gugliemino (Facilitator)
Cecil Wade (Facilitator)
Brigid Culhane
Mary Ann MacLachlan
Kate Parker-Burgard
Don Parker-Burgard
Anthony Howard Crisci
Laure Dunne

CIRCLE FIVE

Marge Thomas (Facilitator)
Sandy Bria (Facilitator)
Joel Anyan
Rainy Broomfield
Rosemary Dellinger
Nancy Flanagan
Tim Flanagan
Jim Hamilton
Diane Lauricella
Tom Schierloh
JoAnn Schultz

The Celebrant offers the Welcome to Communion and the Table is prepared.

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11am*

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789–1862) tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834–1924), alt.
 Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869–1944)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God. We find new life in you, fountain of hope and well of forgiveness. You seek us out and change our hearts of stone to hearts that love you and all you have made. Joining with the angels, who sing your praises night and day, we give voice to every creature under heaven as we proclaim with joy:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Setting: David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant continues

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

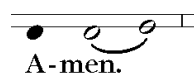
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Now send your sanctifying Spirit, to show us that this bread and this cup are the body and blood of your Son, and every sin is pardoned, and every debt is redeemed, and you have made us your holy people.

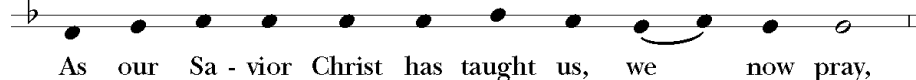
Bring us in the fullness of time Christ's kingdom of peace, where with the Holy Spirit you will be all in all, forever and ever.

People



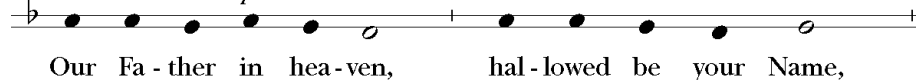
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

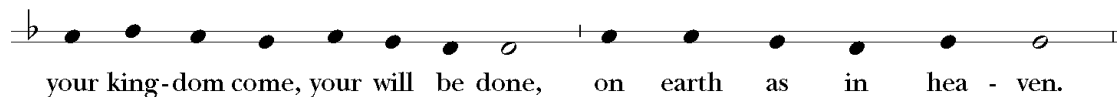


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

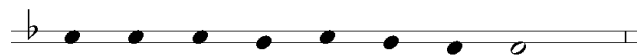
Celebrant and People



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



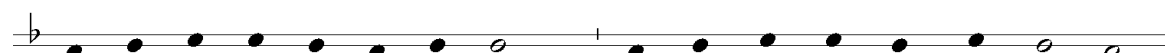
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



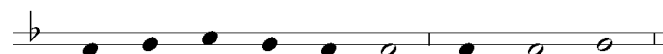
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens

THE COMMUNION

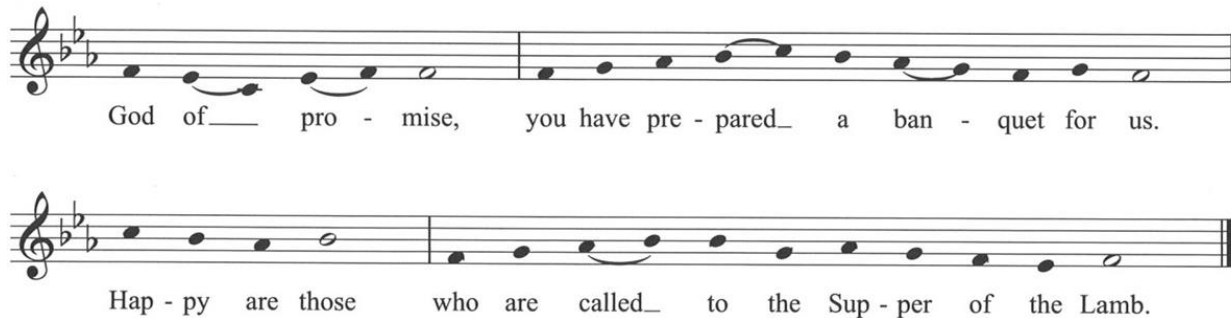
The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

This is the Bread of Heaven,
Broken for the life of the world.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

*All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:
The Cantor sings the Refrain once, and all repeat.*



The Cantor sings:

How shall I repay God *
for all the good things done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of God.
I will fulfill my vows to God *
in the presence of all people.

All repeat the Refrain

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the Choir at 11am*

What wondrous love is this

from The Southern Harmony, 1835

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

O God, you made us from the dust of the earth,
and our lives are as brief as the grass of the field,
yet you sustain us in the wilderness,
and you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Now raise us up, and turn our faces toward you,
that we may reflect the glory we behold
and show Christ's love to the world
in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

THE BLESSING

As we journey through Lent, may our fasting be a hunger for justice,
our alms a making of peace, and our prayers the growth of grateful and humble hearts;

And the blessing of God: Source of Hope, Word of Life, and ever-present Spirit of Grace,
be with you now and always.

Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Words: George William Kitchin (1827–1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874–1956)
Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875–1947); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

THE DISMISSAL

Go forth in peace and share the good news: God liberates and sets us free.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in B Minor BWV 544 - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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