

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday March 21, 2021

Holy Eucharist

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Opening Meditation

Cn. Jeffrey H. Rickard

Welcome

Fr. Paul Price

Liturgy of the Word

Penitential Order

All standing, the Celebrant says

People Blessed be the God of our salvation:
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Decalogue

The people kneel.



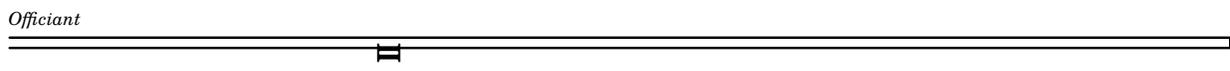
Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.



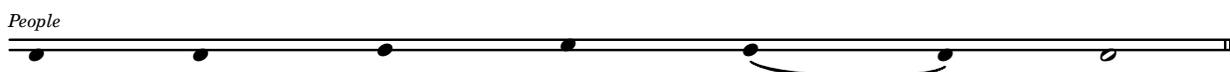
You shall have no other gods but me. A - men. Lord have mer - - cy.



You shall not make for yourself any idol. A - men. Lord have mer - - cy.



You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.



A - men. Lord have mer - - cy.

Officiant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. *People* A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

Officiant Honor your father and your mother. *People* A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

Officiant You shall not commit murder. *People* A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

Officiant You shall not commit adultery. *People* A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

Officiant You shall not steal. *People* A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

Officiant You shall not be a false witness. *People* A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

Officiant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. *People* A - men. Lord have mer - cy.

The Celebrant says

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister 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.

The Priest stands and says

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 following is sung, all standing

Cantor	Congregation
	
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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.*

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

“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

Psalm 51:1-13

Miserere mei, Deus

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother’s womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

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.

Sequence

When I survey the wondrous cross

Hymnal 474

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Holy Gospel

John 12:20-33

All stand.

Priest
People

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

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Paul

Nicene Creed

All stand.

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

All remain standing.

Jesus said, “Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in the world will keep it for eternal life.” So let us appeal to God, saying, Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

O God, renew your Church; strengthen us to keep the covenant with which you have blessed us. Write your law on our hearts. Be our God and we shall be your beloved people. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

O God, renew all humanity; draw all people to your Son Jesus. May all tribes and nations experience the joy of your saving help. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

O God, renew your creation; sustain all you have made with your bountiful Spirit. Reveal your glory in your creation. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

Renew a right spirit within me.

O God, renew those wearied by a lack of employment; make them again hear of joy and gladness. Among the swift and varied changes of the world, may they find in you a sure foundation. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

Renew a right spirit within me.

O God, renew the sick and sorrowful, have mercy upon them O God; according to your loving-kindness. Wash them clean, and they shall be clean indeed. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

O God, you make all things new; we thank you that your Son Jesus has become the eternal source of our salvation. Raise those who have died in the flesh to new and everlasting life in Christ. Create in me a clean heart, O God

And renew a right spirit within me.

O God, give grace and wisdom to the Episcopal Church and its leadership, especially our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop John, our Suffragan Bishop Diane; for our church and its leadership—our clergy, our wardens and vestry. Create in me a clean heart, O God,

And renew a right spirit within me.

A Prayer in Time of Great Sickness and Mortality

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Oppressed

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

After the prayers, the Celebrant concludes with the following collect.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

All remain standing.

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

Offertory Anthem

Shall We Gather at the River

Trinity Handbell Quartet

Tune: Hanson Place
by Robert Lowry
Setting, Elizabeth Zeller

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



The Celebrant then continues

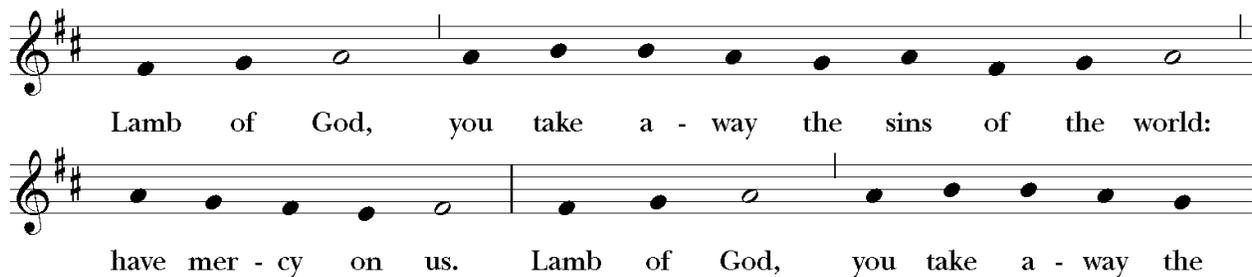
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.



sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Voluntary

Diane Jennings, soprano

A Song of Trust

Franz Schubert, 1797 – 1828
 From: *Mass in F (Deutsche Messe)*

Oh, where shall I find comfort in sorrow unrelenting?
 And who will share my gladness when days are crowned with blessing?
 To you, to you, O Father, I come whate'er betide;
 You send your peace and healing to ease my inmost pain.
 Your voice is ever calling, "Come unto me, ye weary;
 For I am meek and lowly; your soul shall dwell in safety."
 With childlike expectation I haste to your strong arms;
 To meekness I implore you: Have mercy, dearest Lord.

Before I knew your presence, what joy had earth or heaven?
 Now all the world is shining for you my heart have taken.
 What peace and deep contentment now fill my quickened spirit;
 Oh, ever, ever lead me to dwell with you on high.

*Johann Philipp Neumann
 Freely adapted by K. Lee Scott*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Lord God and Father of all,
we have come to you in sorrow for our sins
and you have assured us of your forgiveness.
You have comforted our hearts in love
and given us the joy of salvation.
We give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now, as you send us out to live to your praise and glory,
may our whole lives resound with the love of your Son
who gave himself up for our sake,
that we may live no longer to sin,
but be alive to you in Christ Jesus our Lord,
who reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Postcommunion Hymn

What wondrous love is this

Hymnal 439

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Cn. Jeffrey H. Rickard, organ