

The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Sunday,  
March 17th, 2024



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## Introduction to the Season

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until Easter Day. These forty days echo the time of testing that Jesus experienced in the wilderness following baptism. It is a time when we are invited to examine ourselves before God; repent of sin and failure; and strengthened by God amend our lives. Traditionally, Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and study of scripture.

In the liturgy of Ash Wednesday, the Book of Common Prayer states: “The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. The season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those, who because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.”

The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 264-5.

## Welcome

### Prelude

Elegy

William Walton

### Opening Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross

H.474

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| 1 | When I survey the wondrous cross<br>where the young Prince of Glory died,<br>my richest gain I count but loss,<br>and pour contempt on all my pride.       | 3 | See, from his head, his hands, his feet<br>sorrow and love flow mingled down!<br>Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,<br>or thorns compose so rich a crown? |
| 2 | Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,<br>save in the cross of Christ, my God:<br>all the vain things that charm me most,<br>I sacrifice them to his blood. | 4 | Were the whole realm of nature mine,<br>that were an offering far too small;<br>love so amazing, so divine,<br>demands my soul, my life, my all.           |

When I survey the wondrous cross, #474 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Rockingham, from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

Presider    Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
People      **God's mercy endures for ever.**

## Confession of Sin

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1: 8,9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

**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 denounce the evil that enslaves us,  
repent of 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 Bishop, when present, or 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.**

# Kyrie Eleison

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #88

*Cantor or Choir*

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*All*

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*Cantor or Choir*

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*All*

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*Cantor or Choir* *All*

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## The Collect

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.**

## Old Testament

## 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.

## The Psalm

## Psalm 51:1-13

- 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.**

## The Epistle

## 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.

## Gradual Hymn

What wondrous love is this?

H.439

- 1 What wondrous love is this,  
    O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this,  
    O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
    to lay aside his crown  
        for my soul, for my soul,  
    to lay aside his crown  
        for my soul.
- 2 To God and to the Lamb,  
    I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb,  
    I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb  
who is the great I AM,  
    while millions join the theme,  
        I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme  
    I will sing.

3 And when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

What wondrous love is this, #439 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835. Music: Wondrous Love, from The Southern Harmony, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926).

## **The Gospel**

## **John 12:20-33**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

Rev. Michael Rusk

A time of Silence is kept.

## The 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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who 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.

## The Prayers of the People



## The Peace

Once we were far off,  
but now, in union with Christ Jesus,  
we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for He is our peace.

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



## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most High. –Psalm 50:14

### Offertory Hymn

I come with joy to meet my Lord

H.304

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us  
share,  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us  
one,

and strangers now are friends.  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.

5 Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

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## The Agape Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth food from the earth; bless this wine, bread, and fruit that we now share in our homes, and gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal Feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and People  
**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.**

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.  
**Amen.**

Silence

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

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

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn** Bread is blessed and broken;  
O God you search me out

During the administration of Holy Communion music will be played. Please follow the directions of the ushers: as regards the wine, there are 3 options: 1) to receive the Chalice from the Eucharistic Minister; 2) to take a small glass which contains red alcoholic wine; 3) to take a small glass which contains white non-alcoholic wine. Please return the glass to the empty receptacle on the credence table on the pulpit side of the church. Thank you.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

**Final Hymn** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah H.690

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth  
flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee.

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, #690 from The Hymnal 1982 – Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932).

## Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Voluntary in D

Samuel Wesley

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## Today's Ministers

**Celebrant** Rev. Michael Rusk  
**Gospeller** Rev. Deacon Richard Cole  
**Preacher** Rev. Michael Rusk  
**Organist** Aileen Tincello  
**Reader** John Vanore  
**Livestreamer** Laurentiu Stehan

**Eucharistic Ministers** Bonnie Christen &  
Andrew Kluetz  
**Coffee Hour** Yunise Korir  
**Intercessor** Andrew Kluetz  
**Ushers** Sroda Bédarida & Samuel  
Mbele-Mbong  
**Welcomer** Sroda Bédarid

**Prayer List:** This week, we are praying for lice, Alphonse, Barbara Chong, Bob, Brad and Marietta, Erik, Eva, Gerardo, Griffiths, Julien, Ki-Soo, Kristina, Marguerite and Don, Mary, Mary and her family, Milki, Nelle and her family, Patricia, Philip, Rose, Rosemary and her family, Roxana, Safi and his mother, Sohair, Terry, Tim, Yan and Jacqueline, and Zéli.

Faithful Departed: Raul, brother of Nelle; Barbarta Baird Palladino.

**Convocation Prayer Cycle**, we pray for Racial Justice, Reconciliation, and Belovèd Community; the Rev Canon Mpho Tutu Van Furth, Canon for Racial Justice and Belovèd Community; the Convocation Task Force on Racism, Reconciliation, and Belovèd Community, David Case, Chair.

### Announcements

**Monday March 18 18:15**

**Single Parents' Support Network**

**Stations of the Cité:** Saturday, March 23 - Owing to traffic disruptions connected with the inauguration of the Tunnel des Nations near the international organizations, we have had to change the itinerary of our Lenten walkabout with reflections and prayers. This year, we will focus on sites in and near Geneva's Old Town, such as the Cathedral and the Reformation Museum. We will depart from Emmanuel at 14.00, expecting to finish by 16.00 at the latest. For more information, please contact Deacon Richard.

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