



**The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 29, 2020
9:00am**

Announcements

Prelude

I call to Thee, Lord Jesus

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A Penitential Order

Clergy Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

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

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit murder.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not be a false witness against your neighbor.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lord have mercy on us, and write all these laws on our hearts, we pray.

Call to Confession

Priest

To focus our minds on ourselves is death, but to focus our minds on the Holy Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

All

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? Rather than trusting in your promise of life, we put our trust in ourselves, in our work, in our wealth, and in our own power. And even so, you love us, and there is forgiveness with you. Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Forgive us Lord, that we may have life in your Name. Amen

Declaration of Forgiveness

Priest

Hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

Lord, have mercy

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Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Reading

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Clergy The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

- ¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- ² If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,
Lord, who could stand?
- ³ For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.
- ⁴ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him;
his word is my hope.
- ⁵ My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.
- ⁶ O Israel, wait for the LORD,
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- ⁷ With him there is plenteous redemption,
he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Sequence Hymn

Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove

Blue Hymnal 510

The Gospel

John 11:1-45

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

Narrator: A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, "Lord, the one whom you love is ill." When he heard this, Jesus said,

Jesus: "This illness isn't fatal. It's for the glory of God so that God's Son can be glorified through it."

Narrator: Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. When he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was. After two days, he said to his disciples,

Jesus: "Let's return to Judea again."

Narrator: The disciples replied,

Congregation: "Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?"

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "Aren't there twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day doesn't stumble because they see the light of the world. But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light isn't in them."

Narrator: He continued,

Jesus: "Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up."

Narrator: The disciples said,

Congregation: "Lord, if he's sleeping, he will get well."

Narrator: They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus' death. Jesus told them plainly,

Jesus: "Lazarus has died. For your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there so that you can believe. Let's go to him."

Narrator: Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples,

Thomas: "Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus."

Narrator: When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother's death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus,

Martha: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you."

Narrator: Jesus told her,

Jesus: "Your brother will rise again."

Narrator: Martha replied,

Martha: "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day."

Narrator: Jesus said to her,

Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Narrator: She replied,

Martha: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God's Son, the one who is coming into the world."

Narrator: After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary,

Martha: "The teacher is here and he's calling for you."

Narrator: When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. He hadn't entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb. When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said,

Mary: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

Narrator: When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked,

Jesus: "Where have you laid him?"

Narrator: They replied,

Congregation: “Lord, come and see.”

Narrator: Jesus began to cry. The Jews said,

Congregation: “See how much he loved him!”

Narrator: But some of them said,

Congregation: “He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

Narrator: Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said,

Jesus: “Remove the stone.”

Narrator: Martha, the sister of the dead man, said,

Martha: “Lord, the smell will be awful! He’s been dead four days.”

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?”

Narrator: So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said,

Jesus: “Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.”

Narrator: Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice,

Jesus: “Lazarus, come out!”

Narrator: The dead man came out, his feet bound, and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “Untie him and let him go.”

Narrator: Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

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: 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

Leader:

Let us return with all our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Silence

Lord Christ, we pray for your church around the globe, for our neighbors in other faith communities, and for all who long to hear your voice. In our Parishes, we pray for the Church of the Epiphany, Trumansburg, The Rev. Taylor Daynes, Priest-in-Charge; and Grace Church, Utica, The Rev. Christine Williams-Belt, Rector. In our Diocese, we pray for the Staff of St. Margaret's House, New Hartford. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for San Rafael Arcangel, Santa Ana, The Rev. German Lopez. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of West Malaysia. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

We pray that in the wilderness of the world the church may be the rock of God, providing the waters of life to all who thirst. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That all people will tend to the healing of your creation, so the whole earth provides abundantly for generations yet to come. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who control worldly power and shape human wisdom may attend to the law of God and respond to the needs of the lowly. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That nations share resources of food and medicine and knowledge, and so transform the earth from a battlefield into a garden of peace. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who face insult or degradation because of race, religious belief, sexual orientation, or political conviction, may be supported by disciples of the Lord. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who are struggling with mental or physical illness or addiction, or are homebound, or facing surgery, may find you to be a source of healing and strength. Especially we name, either silently or aloud _____ . In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That the departed who have gone to their rest, may hear the voice of Jesus calling them forth to life and resurrection, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

Clergy:

Almighty and eternal God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

Lamb of God, pure and sinless

Michael Burkhardt

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. *Adapted from St. Patrick, c.389*

Blessing

Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

Blue Hymnal 665

Dismissal

Clergy

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Postlude