

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - Sunday, March 21, 2021 • 10:45am

Celebrating: *The Rev. Noah H. Evans & Preaching: The Rev. Laura DiPanfilo*

Know that God loves you, no exceptions.

You are always welcome at God's table at St. Paul's.

St Paul's is a spiritual home and welcoming community to people of all ages, generations, educational backgrounds, financial means, abilities and disabilities, races, ethnicities and nationalities, without regard to sexual orientation, gender, gender identity/expression, with many different family and religious backgrounds. Some of us are lifelong Episcopalians; some were raised in other Protestant denominations or in the Roman Catholic Church; some are new to the Christian faith; some are not quite sure what they believe. There is a place here for you.

WELCOME!

Prelude: Settings of *Herzliebster Jesu* (Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended)

Hymn setting, vv. 1 & 5 sung by Christin Cooper	Johann Cruger (1598-1662)
Fugue on <i>Herzliebster Jesu</i>	Gaël Liardon (1973-2018)
Chorale prelude on <i>Herzliebster Jesu</i>	Johann Oley (1738-1789)
<i>Herzliebster Jesu</i>	Ernst Pepping (1901-1981)
<i>Meditazione sopra Herzliebster Jesu</i>	Carlotta Ferrari b. 1975

Welcome and Greetings

Lighting a Candle for this time of Prayer

(Teodori Family)

Opening Hymn 473, Lift high the cross

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

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant 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.*

Song of Praise Hymn 441, In the cross of Christ I glory vv. 1-3

The 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.*

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (read by Michele Galati)

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.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51, Marty Haugen, composer and sung by Paul Golebie

Sequence Music: Dialogue on Ah, Holy Jesus

Douglas Starr

The Gospel

John 12:20-33 (read by The Reverend Jean Chess)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Laura DiPanfilo

The 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

The Prayers of the People are written by Nikki Starr (Read by: Paul Golebie)

After each petition, the people respond with: Hear our prayer.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Moment for Mission: Ken Matheny, Prison Letter Writing Project

If you would like to make an announcement, or have something announced, please contact Noah by the Thursday before the announcement.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music: Herzliebster Jesu, Op. 122, No. 2

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

The Great Thanksgiving,

The people may stand or kneel.

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Celebrant 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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, the Mother of our Lord and St. Paul the Apostle and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

*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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God.

A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist

*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. (Written St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

Communion Hymn

Post Communion Prayer—said together

Let us pray.

Loving God, 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 send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal *(read by the Reverend Jean Chess)*

The worship is ended, the service begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Allegro, Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du

Christlieb Binder (1723-1789)

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Music Notes:

While looking for organ pieces based on the hymn, “Ah, Holy Jesus, how hast thou offended” I ran across this YouTube testimonial to the hymn’s power of expression across generations.



Here, Generation X performing artist Sufjan Stevens leads an even younger audience at a Town Hall performance of this hymn. From his childhood in his Methodist Hymnal, he remembers it as, “dark.” Their performance is “light.” Wait for the “one more time!” moment at the end.

All of today's organ settings are of this hymn, both ancient and modern. Christin Cooper sings the two best verses of “Ah, Holy Jesus” (H-158) as the first prelude. I had the pleasure of composing a setting heard at the Sequence and the best of the bunch is from Brahms's, Op. 122, heard at the Offertory

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The Rev. Noah H. Evans, Rector
The Rev Laura Di Panfilo, Assistant Rector
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