

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 17, 2024 • 10:45am
Celebrating: The Rev. Noah H. Evans
Preaching: The Rev. Paul Barker
Assisting: The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo

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Prelude: "Romanze" and "Menuetto," from *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*
Sue Vines and Cathie Buschek, piano duet

W.A. Mozart

Welcome and Greetings

Opening Hymn: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Hymnal 142

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

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*

Confession of Sin

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.*

Kyrie eleison

Hymnal S 96

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 Lesson

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.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13

Setting, Robert A. Hawthorne

(Please join in singing – turn to the back of the leaflet for music)

Sequence Hymn: How Firm a Foundation, v.1

Hymnal 636

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

The Gospel

John 12:20-33

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.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul Barker

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People were written by Bob Johnston. Respond with, "Lord have mercy."

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: Follow Me!

Spiritual from South Carolina, arr. John Carter

Presentation Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, v. 1 & 6

Hymnal 493

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*

*Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever giv'n,
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heav'n.*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

The people may stand or kneel.

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S 129

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.

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

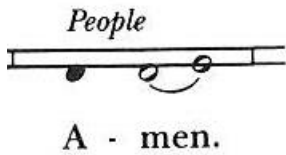
Christ will come again.

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. *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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S 163

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Everyone is welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to receive through the center aisle, returning through the side aisles. You are welcome to receive just the bread, or the bread and the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please take the bread in your hand and sip the wine from the chalice. For sanitary reasons, we ask you not to dip the host in the wine. If you would like communion brought to you, please let a greeter know.

Healing Prayer

Before or after receiving Communion, you are invited to go to one of the two prayer stations on either side of the altar for laying on of hands and prayers for healing. You may ask for a prayer for yourself, someone you care for, or a general prayer. You may stand or sit for prayer. You will be asked if you wish to be anointed with oil and if you would like a hand placed on your shoulder. Our clergy or trained lay healing prayer ministers will keep all prayer requests in private confidence.

Communion Music:

Post Communion Prayer—said together

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Ray Palmer, Lowell Mason

(Please join in singing – turn to the back of the leaflet for music)

Dismissal

The worship is ended, the service begins.
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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RCL Psalm 51:1-13
BCP Psalm 51:1-13

Proper 13B
Lent 1A

Psalm 51

(Have mercy on me)

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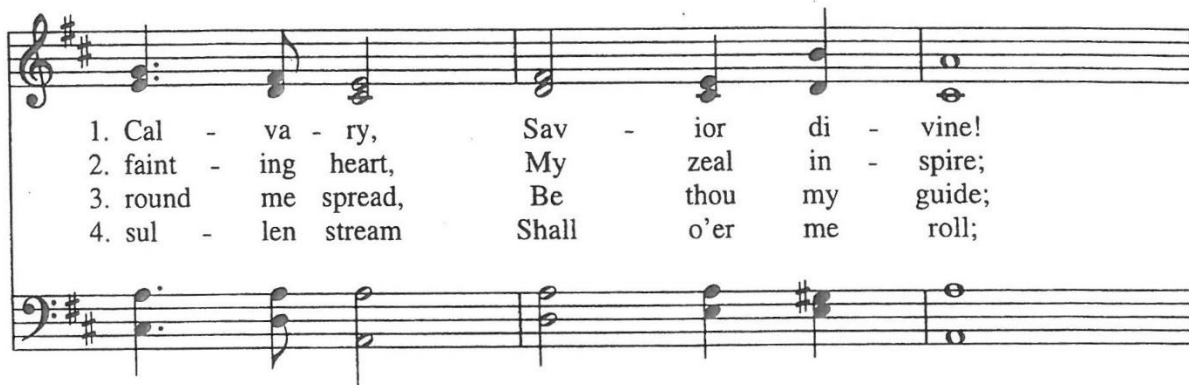
Have mer-cy on me, O God, ac - cord-ing to your lov-ing - kind - ness.

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| 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses. | 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly. |
| 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin. <i>Refrain</i> | 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. <i>Refrain</i> |
| 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me. | 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice. |
| 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight. <i>Refrain</i> | 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities. <i>Refrain</i> |
| 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment. | 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me. |
| 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb. <i>Refrain</i> | 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. <i>Refrain</i> |

My Faith Looks up to Thee



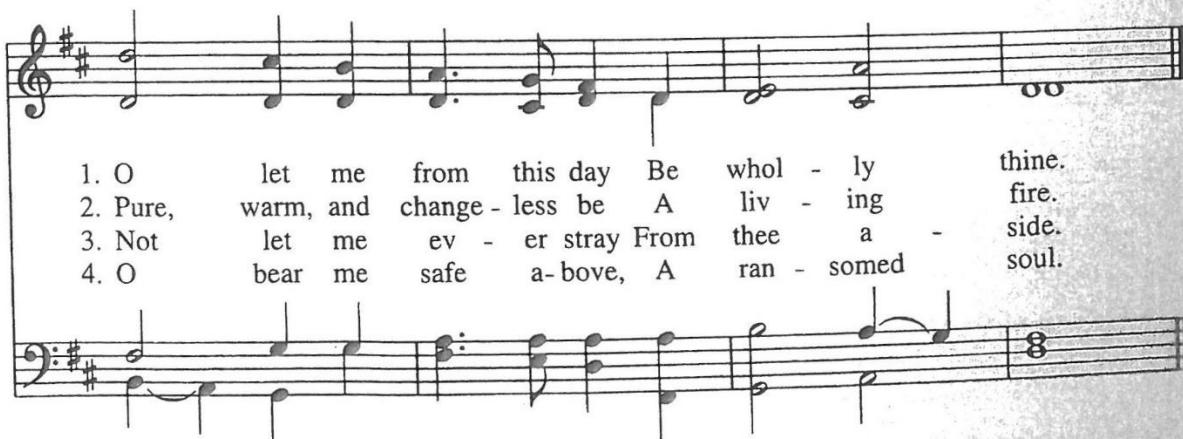
1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou lamb of
 2. May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a -
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold,



1. Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine!
 2. faint - ing heart, My zeal in - spire;
 3. round me spread, Be thou my guide;
 4. sul - len stream Shall o'er me roll;



1. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt a - way;
 2. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
 3. Bid dark-ness turn to-day, Wipe so-row's tears a - way;
 4. Blest Sav - ior, then in love, Fear and dis - trust re - move,



1. O let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
 2. Pure, warm, and change - less be A liv - ing fire.
 3. Not let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 4. O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872)