

The Fifth Sunday Lent

March 21st, 2021

Welcome!

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The Lenten greenery is arranged by Betty Camp.

Opening Hymn

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

Hymnal 1982 #709

*1 O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed;
who through this earthly pilgrimage
hast all thine Israel led:*

*3 Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.*

*2 Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace:
O God of Israel, be the God
of this succeeding race.*

*4 O spread thy sheltering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace*

*5 Such blessings from thy gracious hand
our humble prayers implore;
and thou shalt be our covenant God
and portion evermore.*

Officiant Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

Opening Sentence

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*

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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 Absolution

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.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
 Holy Immortal One,
 Have mercy upon us, mercy on us.

Collect of the Day

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

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 Psalm

Psalm 119:9-16

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? *By keeping to your words.
 10 With my whole heart I seek you; *let me not stray from your commandments.
 11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *that I may not sin against you.
 12 Blessed are you, O Lord; *instruct me in your statutes.
 13 With my lips will I recite *all the judgments of your mouth.
 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *than in all manner of riches.
 15 I will meditate on your commandments *and give attention to your ways.
 16 My delight is in your statutes; *I will not forget your word

Hymn

O Love of God, how strong and true

Hymnal 1982 #455

1 O Love of God, how strong and true,
 eternal and yet ever new;
 uncomprehended and unbought,
 beyond all knowledge and all thought.
 2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
 we read thee in the sky above;
 we read thee in the earth below,
 in seas that swell and streams that flow

3 We read thee best in him who came
 to bear for us the cross of shame,
 sent by the Father from on high,
 our life to live, our death to die.
 4 We read thy power to bless and save
 e'en in the darkness of the grave;
 still more in resurrection light
 we read the fullness of thy might.

Officiant 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.

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Based on Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through and cleanse us from our sin.

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. We pray for the shooter in Georgia Robert Aaron Long. Purge us from our sin and we shall be pure.

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. We pray for the families of the shootings in Georgia. Help those whose lives are broken hear of joy and gladness.

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely. Give them the joy of your saving help, and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

In this season of Lent we pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

We pray for those who have died and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from them. We pray for: Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, and Yong Ae Yue, Delaina Ashley Yaun, Paul Andre Michels, Xiaojie Tan, and Daoyou Feng who died Tuesday from the attacks in Georgia.

We especially pray for those who have asked us to pray for them: Rosemary, Teresa, Jay, Sharon, Ruth, Cheryl, Ralph, Jean, Bill, Harry, Cindy, Jayne, Ashby, Jane, Macon, Charles, Jackie, Ryan and his parents Morgan and Andrew, Marlin, and Armando.

Concluding prayer

Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples that 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; as we prepare our hearts to remember your death and resurrection, grant us the strength and wisdom to serve and follow you, this day and always. Amen.

The Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Lenten Blessing and Dismissal

Lord Jesus, it was your will that your Father's House would be a place of prayer for all people; grant us the strength and wisdom to be a people consumed with prayer and zeal for you, this day and always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Hymnal 1982 #473

*Refrain Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.*

*1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
Refrain*

*3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.
Refrain*

*2 Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
Refrain*

*4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.
Refrain*

Even in Lent, please greet each other with some extended "Holy Honking"!

Serving Today

Officiant: The Rev. Becky Crites

Organist: Kenyon Scott

Soloist: Charlotte Martin Paris

Reader: Rick Dixon

March Birthdays

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| Dorothy Diggs | 5 | Jane Ruef | 25 |
| Llewellyn Coles | 9 | Mary Hicks Heitzler | 27 |
| James McLaughlin | 9 | John Geyer | 28 |

Vestry Members

Class of 2020: Anne Hunt (Sr. Warden), Carol-Ann Lawson, Laura Chappell (can be reappointed)

Class of 2021: Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden), Kenyon Scott By Vestry Appointment: Rick Dixon

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We give thanks for your continued your offerings to God through Emmanuel.

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At its recent vestry meeting the vestry:

- Received a report from Tred Hunt, project chair for the Patterson Grant. Work will begin soon on the foundation joists and the water issue in the basement. He will also find quotes to put the cross back atop the church as it fell off during the recent storm.
- Received a proposal for plaques honoring past rectors
- Reviewed and discusses the information on our annual Parochial Report.
- Approved a proposal to store pet donations at Emmanuel for the time being.
- Our finances continue to be tight. The vestry is grateful for all financial support. Thank you.