

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY
April 3, 2022 Year C
10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Due to COVID, please sing all hymns silently in your heart rather than out loud.

Prelude *O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde groß* (O man, lament your great sin), BWV 622 J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

***Hymn** The glory of these forty days (*Erbalt uns, Herr*) **Hymnal #143**

***Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

***Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***Kyrie**

Hymnal #S-98

***The 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.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 43:16–21

Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a
wick:

Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

In convertendo

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of
Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for
them."
4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the
seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering
their sheaves.

The Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Reading**

John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Megan Castellan

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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.

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.

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**

“Behold, I am doing new things,” says Yahweh; “do you perceive it?” This call of God bids us to open our minds and hearts to the movement of the Divine Word in our lives. In response, let us lift our voices in prayer, responding, “Lord, have mercy.”

+ In thanksgiving for our earthly vineyard, the gift of our Creator from whose generosity all our possessions flow, that following the example of Mary we may be bounteous in our giving; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

+ For those who weep, O God, you promise a day of joyful singing; give to the downtrodden the surpassing beauty of knowing Christ; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

+ For our President, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, that they may seek not what is glorious in human eyes but God’s vision for his kingdom; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

+ For the Church, that we may walk the hard road of faithful witness, as we strain toward Christ’s heavenly promises, remembering especially today those who will be baptized and confirmed this Easter season; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

+ In thanksgiving for those preparing for Holy Week and the Feast of the Resurrection: choirs, clergy, administrative assistants, lectors, teachers, acolytes, and all whose gifts we rely upon to show forth the deep meaning of these days; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

+ For all who have died in the community of the baptized, and those whose faith is known to God alone, that the merciful judgment of God may prevail; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

With hearts fixed where true joys may be found, let us continue our prayers.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

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| Dave | Wes | Joan | Tina | Jon | Dean |
| Amelia | Jean | Laurie | Carl | James | Bridget |
| Mary | Vivian | Theodore | Jennifer | Jonathan | Linda |
| Tom | Sarah | Margaret | Ovie | Paula | |
| Giovanni | Felice | Pat | Stanley | Carol | |
| Cindy | Edith | Heather | Carol | Lorraine | |
| Dan | Elaine | Judy | Sara | Cece | |

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Matthew Henry, Robin Steuteville, Gwen Freeman, Beverly Way, Angela Crowley

Confession of Sin

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.*

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.*

***The Peace**

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Sentence

***Presentation Hymn** When I survey the wondrous cross (*Rockingham*)

Hymnal #474

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Expanded Language Prayer A

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 our thanks and praise.

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

Holy, holy, holy (*Sanctus*)

Hymnal #S-128

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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, Jesus 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, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ.

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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem **Lamb of God** (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal #S-161

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table.

Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread with wine available for intincture. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.

Communion Music Chorale Prelude *O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen* ("Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith"),
Op. 122, No. 6 Johannes Brahms (1833–97)
Ukrainian National Anthem arr. Dennis Janzer

Post Communion Prayer

*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

***Hymn** *Beneath the cross of Jesus (St. Christopher)*

Hymnal #498

Dismissal

Postlude Prelude in d Minor

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Liturgical Ministers: Lillian Baptist, Stephanie Nevels, Sara VanLooy

Virtual Vergers: Sara VanLooy, Amber Crowley

This morning we welcome guest Organist Barbara Adler

HYMNS

The glory of these forty days (*Erhalt uns, Herr*)

Hymnal #143

1. The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, by whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.
2. Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came
the steeds and chariots of flame.
3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
the herald of Messiah's name.
4. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,
and give us joy to see thy face.
5. O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in three-fold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord.

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When I survey the wondrous cross (*Rockingham*)

Hymnal #474

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God:

all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Beneath the cross of Jesus (*St. Christopher*)

Hymnal #498

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
A home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and the burden of the day.

2 Upon that cross of Jesus
mine eyes at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me;
and from my smitten heart with tears
two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love,
and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, thy shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let my pride go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all the cross.



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Sign up for our weekly newsletter The Fledgling by contacting the church office.

Please Join Us:

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Please continue to wear your mask when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on Facebook and YouTube.

Office of Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to offer our prayers and read and meditate on God's holy word.

Forward Day by Day for February, March, and April is available on the table in the rear of the church.

2022 Pledge Envelopes, for those who use them, are on the table in the back of the nave. They are sorted alphabetically by last name. Please pick up your envelopes and take them home with you at your earliest convenience. If you do not find your envelopes, or have never had envelopes and wish to begin using them, please contact the parish office: (607) 273-6532 or office@stjohnsithaca.org.

Newcomers: We extend a warm welcome to visitors and newcomers. It is good to have you with us! Please help us get to know you by filling out one of the welcome cards in the pews and placing it on the collection plate or giving it to one of the ushers; do stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service. **LARGE PRINT EDITIONS OF THE SERVICE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**

Easter Flowers: If you wish to make a contribution to the purchase of Easter flowers for the altar, please use this form so that we can include your loved one's name(s) on the list of those being memorialized. You may place this slip in the offering plate or mail it to the Parish Office by **Monday, April 11** for inclusion in the Easter Day bulletin.

\$ _____ Given for Easter Flowers in memory of: _____

PLEASE GIVE FIRST (CHRISTIAN) AND LAST NAMES of those to be memorialized.

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