

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY
17 March 2024 Year B
10:30 AM

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Prelude Chanson de Nuit Edward Elgar (1857–1934) Transcribed A. Herbert Brewer

***Processional Hymn** Glory be to Jesus (*Wem in Leidenstagen*) **Hymnal #479**

***Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

***Collect For Purity**

***Kyrie** **Hymnal #S-**

The 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.*

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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1–13

Miserere mei, Deus

Matthew Camidge



1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to
 your | loving | kindness; *
 in your great compassion | blot out | my
 of- | fenses.

2 Wash me through and | through from my |
 wickedness *
 and | cleanse me | from my | sin.

3 For I | know my trans- | gressions, *
 and my | sin is | ever be- | fore me.

4 Against you | only have I | sinned *
 and done what is | evil | in your | sight.

5 And so you are justified | when you | speak *
 and | upright | in your | judgement.

6 Indeed, I have been | wicked from my | birth, *
 a | sinner from my | mother’s | womb.

7 And behold, you look for truth | deep with- | in
 me, *
 and will make me under- | stand | wisdom |
 secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and | I shall be |
 pure; *
 wash me, and | I shall be | clean in- |
 deed.

9 Make me hear of | joy and | gladness, *
 that the body you have | broken | may re- |
 joice.

10 Hide your | face from my | sins, *
 and blot | out all | my in- | iquities.

11 Create in me a clean | heart, O | God, *
 and re-| new a right | spirit with- | in me.

12 Cast me not a- | way from your |
 presence*
 and take not your | holy | Spirit | from
 me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving | help a- |
 gain *
 and sus- | tain me with your | bounti-ful
 | Spirit.

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 5:5–10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
 today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
 according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Sequence** We sing the praise of Him who died (*Breslau*)

Hymnal #471 vs. 1–3

The Gospel Reading

John 12:20–33

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be 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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

***Sequence** We sing the praise of Him who died (*Breslau*)

Hymnal #471 vs. 4–5

The Sermon

The Rev. Kit Tobin

***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.

***The Prayers of the People**

We are God’s people, in whose love we entrust our supplications, responding, “Christ, have mercy.”

+ By your strong arm, O Lord, lift us from the squalor of our sins, turn our face to your saving light, reveal your eternal love, and send us forth as witnesses of your forgiveness and restoration; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ Open our ears to hear the cries of the hungry, persecuted, abused, fearful, sick and depressed, that we may bring Jesus’ hope into the midst of heartache, and reveal the ray of light that the darkness cannot overcome; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ Soften our hearts, that we may prepare with joy for the Paschal Feast, praying for those who will receive rites of initiation, committing ourselves to participate in the events of Holy Week, and inviting others to join in the journey to new life; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ Bring peace where there is division and strife, planting seeds of reconciliation where enmity flourishes, that the fruits of peace may be harvested in our time; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ Send your angels of light to guard and protect those who are serving in our military; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

+ Grant eternal rest to those whom we love but see no more; may light perpetual shine upon them, and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace; Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us who continue our prayers to you, our joy and hope.

We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all the leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others; hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

God of peace and justice, hear our prayers. Amen

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

Joan	Richard	Theodore	Avery	Sandy	Mary Beth
Charles	Linda	Lorraine	Nathan	Amelia	Jack
Wes	Jim	Edith	Jane	Michael	Julianne
Virginia	Gerald	Kathryn	Chris	Susan	
Shirley	Cece	Sarah	Carole	Jeff	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Ed Siemon, Lauren Way

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

Anthem Teach me, O Lord

***Presentation Hymn** In the cross of Christ I glory (*Rathbun*)

Hymnal #441

*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-113

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-157

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table.

Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.

You may either intinct your wafer in the small chalice, or you may drink from the larger common chalice after consuming the wafer.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord (*Song 46*)

Hymnal #328

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

***Recessional** Forty Days and Forty Nights (*Aus der Tiefe ruhe ich*)

Hymnal #150

Dismissal

Postlude Ricercare | Toni

Giovanni Palestrina (1524–94)

Acolyte: Amber Massa

Liturgical Ministers: Ian Lundberg, Stephanie Nevels, Jerome Fung

Virtual Vergers Michael Roman, Virginia McGhee

The Eucharistic and Aumbry candles this month are given to the Glory of God in memory of Irene Noss and Edith N. Arlin by Mary Arlin.

This morning we welcome The Rev. Kit Tobin as our celebrant and guest preacher.

St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!

May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.

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Hymns

Glory be to Jesus (*Wenn in Leidenstagen*) Hymnal #479

1 Glory be to Jesus,
who in bitter pains
poured for me the lifeblood
from his sacred veins!

2 Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find,
blest be his compassion
infinitely kind!

3 Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream
which from sin and sorrow
doth the world redeem!

4 Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel hosts, rejoicing,
make their glad reply.

5 Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood;
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.

We sing the praise of him who died (*Breslau*) Hymnal #471

1 We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let sin deride;
for this we count the world but loss.

2 Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, God is love:
he bears our sins upon the tree:
he brings us mercy from above.

3 The cross: it takes our guilt away,
and holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

4 It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light.

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angel's theme in heaven above.

In the cross of Christ I glory (*Rathbun*) Hymnal #441

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds new luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

5 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord (*Song 46*) Hymnal #328

1 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
and drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.

2 Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.

3 Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

4 Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.

5 Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

**Forty days and forty nights (*Aus der Tiefe rufe
ich*)**

Hymnal #150

1. Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

2. Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,

fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?

3. Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fall!

4. So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.



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Please Join Us:

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Masks are optional when you are not actively eating or drinking.

Lenten Soup Supper: Please join us for our last Lenten program of reflection and spiritual connectedness on **Friday, March 22**. We will begin with soup supper at 6:00 pm followed around 6:30 pm by the adult forum based on Richard Rohr's *Wondrous Encounters for Lent*.

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

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, March 25** for inclusion in the Easter Day bulletins.

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