



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE *Meditation on "St. Christopher" (Beneath the Cross of Jesus) - F.C. Maker/R. Boud*

GREETING

OPENING SENTENCE

Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself,
and take up his cross, and follow me." ~Mark 8:34

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Officiant says to the people.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept

Officiant and People together,

**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

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Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

GLORIA (*All*) **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

ANTIPHON The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **Come let us adore Him.**

VENITE

In unison

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VOLUNTARY *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee - A. W. Leupold*

PSALM 51:1-13

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

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

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before 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 judgment.

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

⁷ For behold, you look for truth deep
within me, and will make me understand
wisdom secretly.

⁸ **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be
pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

⁹ Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰ **Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹¹ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

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.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

A READING FROM 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.**

CANTICLE 19 ~ *The Song of the Redeemed*

In unison

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VOLUNTARY

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus - R. te Velde

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 12:20-33

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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 21 ~ *You are God*

In unison

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REFLECTION

A TIME OF SILENCE – *A bell will sound three times.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional*

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SUFFRAGES "A"

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THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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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.**

COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

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O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE PRAY FOR ALL OF WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS -- THOSE WHO ARE SICK, THOSE WHO'VE DIED, AND THOSE WHO MOURN.

Silence

AS WE PRAYERS FOR THE FOLKS ON OUR PRAYER LIST ...

for all who are traveling, especially **Josey Parker** and **Cameron Klass** ...

and those with special needs:

Richard Cooper, **Mark** Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Bobby** Allgood, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Barbara** Beck, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Andrea** Cain, **Donna** Campbell, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Becky** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Johanna** Dresser, **Suzanne** Eller, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Frances** Garner, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Jan** Greer, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Elizabeth** Harvey, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Joe** Koontz, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Brinkley** Johnson, **Anne** King, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Clarice and Henry** Surratt, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Kathy** Watson, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Susan** Whetmore, **Flynn** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

✦ *At this time, you may offer your prayers in the comments bar on Facebook so that we may pray with you through the week.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Miller/Burkhardt

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

POSTLUDE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory - C. Cooke

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