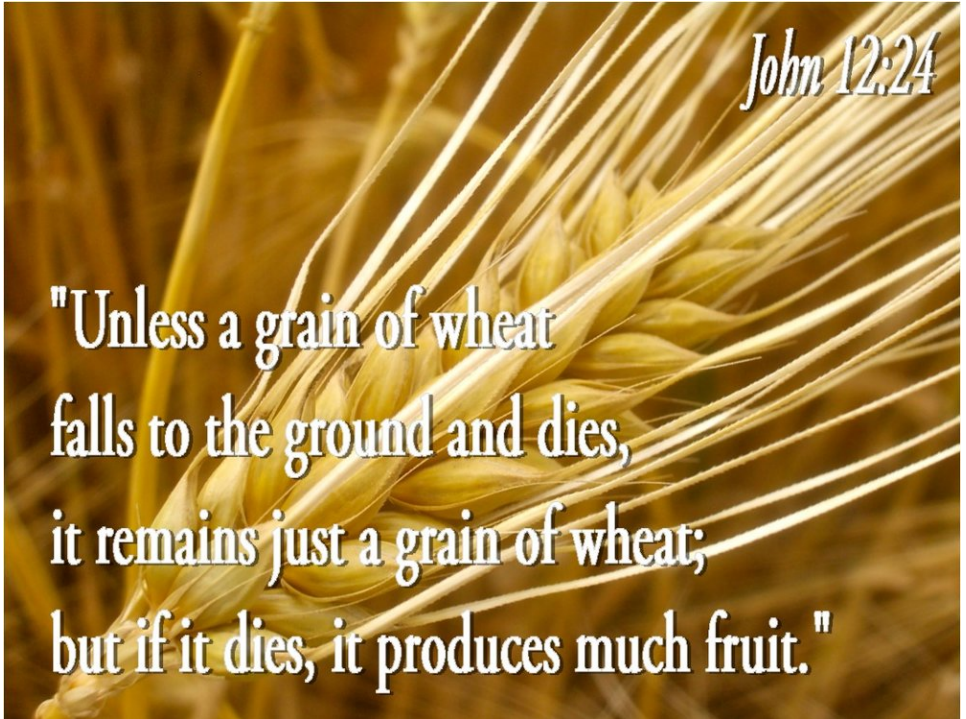


# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist Rite II ~ 10:00 a.m.

March 21, 2021



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Bella Vista, Arkansas

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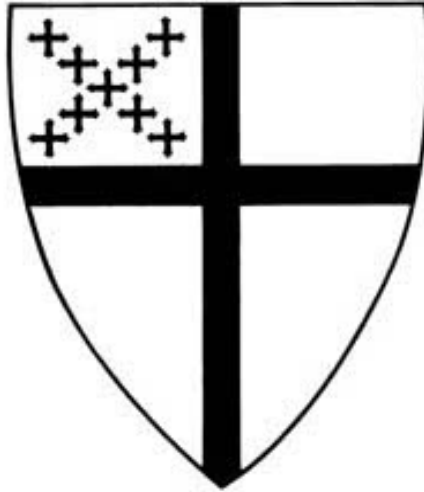
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All of the following service can be found in the  
1979 Book of Common Prayer  
Scripture lessons are taken from the  
Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for Year B and are from the  
New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

**Prelude**            *O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde*            Bach

*The People stand*

**Processional**    *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!*    **Hymn 495**

*Celebrant*    Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

*People*        **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant*    Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O  
Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these.

*Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Leader and People (Remain standing or kneel)*

**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 Celebrant says*

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.*

*(Stand as able)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* **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.**

# **A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God**

*Celebrant* **GOD OF ALL POWER AND LOVE**, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the lessons*

## **The Lessons**

### **FIRST READING: 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."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 51:1-13 (KJV)**

*Sung by the cantor*

*Antiphon*

Wash me thoroughly, O LORD, from mine iniquity.

- 1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy  
lovingkindness  
according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies  
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions:  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,  
and done this evil in thy sight:  
that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest,  
and be clear when thou judgest.
- 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:  
and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to  
know wisdom.

- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness;  
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
- 9 Hide thy face from my sins,  
and blot out all mine iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy presence;  
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;  
and uphold me with thy free spirit.
- 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;  
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

*Antiphon*

Wash me thoroughly, O LORD, from mine iniquity.

**SECOND 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 for ever, 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.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Organ interlude before the Gospel*

## **The Holy Gospel** (*Stand as able*) John 12:20-33

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon (*Sit*)

Chris Schaefer

**The Nicene Creed** (*Stand as able*)

(BCP 358)

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.**

## **Prayers of the People – Form III** (BCP 387)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray for the Church and the world.

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word  
and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Ivey Lowry's mother, Vicki Hensley, and all those who have succumbed to the Corona virus.  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; for those of our parish family for whom prayers have been asked: Don, Rose, Gene, Julia, Angie, Amanda, Marianne, Becky, Karen Kay, Valerie, Elwin, Sue, Wayne, the Lowry family, the Rector Search Committee, and all those who have contracted Covid-19 and all who care for them. **(Pause)**

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Organ music is played and the people may sit  
as the Celebrant prepares the Table.*

*After the Table has been prepared, the People stand  
and the Celebrant says:*

All things come of thee, O Lord  
**People: And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Holy Eucharist

### The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer C (BCP 369)

*The Celebrant faces the People and the following is said.*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are  
worthy of glory and praise.

**People** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast  
expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the  
planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our  
island home.

**People** **By your will they were created and have their  
being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the  
human race, and blessed us with memory, reason,  
and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But

we turned against you, and betrayed your trust;  
and we turned against one another.

**People**      **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant*      Again and again, you called us to return.  
Through prophets and sages you revealed your  
righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you  
sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill  
your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and  
peace.

**People**      **By his blood, he reconciled us.**  
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant*      And therefore we praise you, joining with the  
heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and  
martyrs, and with all those in every generation  
who have looked to you in hope,  
to proclaim with them your glory, in their  
unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*(Stand or Kneel)*

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and  
made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before

you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

**People AMEN.**

*Celebrant* 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and the following is said.*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## **Invitation**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him by faith with thanksgiving.

*Celebrant receives Communion in both kinds and then invites the online congregation to receive a spiritual communion.*

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional to express one's desire to receive Holy Communion when circumstances prevent them from actually receiving the consecrated elements.*

*Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Beloved Jesus,  
I believe that you are present  
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you  
in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.  
Let me never be separated from you  
in this life or in the life to come. Amen.**

*Celebrant distributes communion to the congregation. Please remain in your pew, either standing or kneeling as you are able.*

## **Closing Prayer**

*Celebrant says*

Let us pray

*Celebrant and People* (BCP 365)

**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.

## The Blessing

Let God the Father be glorified, whose law of love is within you, written on your hearts.

Let Jesus the Son of Man be glorified, who was lifted up from the earth and is drawing all people to himself.

Let the Holy Spirit be glorified, as you die to self and thus bear much fruit.

And the blessing of our glorious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you guide you, now and always.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

*The Celebrant says the words of dismissal*

*People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional

*Lift high the cross*

## Hymn 473

## Postlude

*O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

Walther

## Participants in the Service

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Reverend Lowell Grisham
<i>Preacher</i>	Chris Schaefer
<i>Organist</i>	Annette Zehring
<i>Cantor</i>	Marc Paine
<i>Acolyte</i>	Wayne Whitney
<i>Readers</i>	Nancy Nagle, Libby Schaller