



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**

The service begins on page 351 of The Book of Common Prayer. The service is printed here in its entirety.

The Opening Hymn

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
Hymnal 158

The Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant says Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.
 Amen.

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

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The Celebrant says

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 Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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: 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: 51:1-13

- 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.

The 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 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 Sequence Hymn

What wondrous love is this
Hymnal 439

The Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33

Celebrant 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.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Hazel Smith Glover

A period of silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

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All say together

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 — Form V

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Rob and Don our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. We pray for those on our prayer list.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially:
Sandra, Danny, India, Linda, Jim, Dennis, Josh, Sam, William.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. .

People To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Wash me thoroughly
S.S. Wesley

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B—BCP 367

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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S 124

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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 Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Agnus Dei

Hymnal S 161

The Communion Anthem

As we gather at your table
K. Lee Scott

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Closing Hymn

Lift high the cross
Hymnal 473

The Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The people leave in silence.

Remember in your prayers:

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Roxanne Wallis, Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Peter Funnell, Kirk Goodell, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Judy Causey, Amanda Howell Eber, Jeff Lawhead, Billy Newman, Phil Watkiss.

We pray for those with timely concerns: Joan Kelley, Susan Bridges, Mary Tatnall.

We pray for those who are sick and those who love them, and for those who have died because of the coronavirus; for those who are oppressed by fear and for those who are losing the income that sustains them. Let us also pray for those in the medical, scientific, research and pharmaceutical communities devoting their time and talent to the cause of global health. And, let us pray for all our elected officials and all those who hold the common trust that their wisdom and compassion for all people will increase.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, Jennifer; the Clergy and Staff: Hazel, Mason, Lesley, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Britney, Mary, Kimberly, Cole.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Nick Watts, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Sandra Moore, Danny Brown, India Camp, Linda Jones, Jim Thomasson, Dennis McEntire, Josh Steed, Sam Lewis, William Hand.

Lent 2021 Worship, Practices, and Programs

Sunday Evenings Virtual Compline -- Led by parishioners, compline is held virtually on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. [Click here](#) to launch the Zoom meeting at that time. On March 14, Compline will be led by Anne Jose. If you experience issues accessing the meeting via the hyperlink, open Zoom on your browser or app and enter Meeting ID: 836 0894 1943 / Passcode: 442688 -- The service of Compline may be found beginning on page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer. [Click here](#) for an online version.

Self-Directed Practice: Exploring the Gospel of Mark -- Most scholars believe The Gospel According to Mark was the first gospel to have been written. Some date it as early as A.D.55, within twenty five years of Jesus' ministry. Mark acted as Peter's assistant and translator, and on many occasions and would have heard Peter telling the story of Jesus. Peter's first hand accounts were likely the source of Mark's Gospel. We encourage you to watch a theatrical reading of Mark by Max McLean presented in 16 videos. Access all 16 videos [HERE](#). Or watch this full length version by David Suchet at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjOgcMOXvSc>

Self-Directed Practice: 40 Days and 40 Miles -- If you enjoy a morning walk or an evening stroll, this is an offering for you! We invite you to set a goal of walking 40 miles during the 40 days of Lent. This is a spiritual discipline that engages our full body. The 40 days does not include Sundays and concludes on Holy Saturday, the day immediately prior to Easter Sunday. The 40-day time frame represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. You can log your miles via [this form](#), which will track individual responses and give us a total tally of miles at the conclusion of Lent. You can log daily, weekly, or whatever makes sense to you.

Wednesday Night Bible Stories for Children-- During Lent, the Children's Ministry is offering "Wednesday Night Bible Stories" via ZOOM at 6:00 p.m. Come gather around, hear Bible stories, and participate in an optional craft or activity to go along with the story. Offerings will alternate weeks based on Children's ages. Reach out to [Elisabeth Copeland](#) or [Whitney Lowe](#) for more information.

Lenten Bible Study for Youth -- The youth are invited to participate in a virtual Bible Study for the duration of Lent. The course focuses on John, chapters 4-6. Through the free app [WordGo](#), you'll spend about 10 minutes of your own time, reading passages, asking questions and taking notes to share with the group each week. Email [Mary Margaret Stewart](#) with any questions.

Lent Family Devotional -- During this Lent season, the Children's Ministry is providing a calendar with daily devotionals, readings, and suggested donations and fasts to get children of all ages involved with this holy season. While each day lists a full set of suggestions, families should feel free to mix and match, and should do what works best for their family. Email [Elisabeth Copeland](#) or [Whitney Lowe](#) for more information and for a copy of the calendar.

Holy Week and Easter Services and Activities

We are excited to share with you that new diocesan protocols have been announced, which allow us to gather and worship indoors. Read Bishop Wright's letter [here](#). We know that many are eager to gather in our nave and return to corporate worship. We also realize that many are not yet comfortable with gathering indoors. Rest assured that our services will continue to be live streamed online.

Holy Week and Easter indoor services will be held with COVID-19 restrictions in place, such as the requirement of masks, no congregational singing, and communion in one kind only. In addition, the number of people in the congregation will be limited and preregistration will be required.

Register for the following services by clicking on each service:

[Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m.](#) (this service is at capacity but there is a waiting list.)

[Easter Day, April 4 at 8:30 a.m.](#)

[Easter Day, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.](#) (this service is at capacity but there is a waiting list.)

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will remain online only. They will be live streamed on our Facebook page and website at 7:00 p.m. on April 1st and 2nd, respectively. All live streamed services are recorded and available for viewing after the initial broadcast.

Flowering the Cross Festival -- On Saturday, April 3 from 2-3pm, the Children's Ministry, with help from our youth, is excited to host our first ever Flowering of the Cross Festival! This outdoor, socially-distanced event is open to the entire parish of St. Paul's and will include activities, games, prizes, and crafts to bring us together in fellowship during this Easter season. Activities to include: paper flower making and flowering of the cross, corn hole, guess the jelly beans, sidewalk chalk, egg and spoon races, and more! Please sign up [here](#) so that we know how many supplies to provide. Note: masks are required at all times, even when outdoors, and no food or beverages will be provided.

Easter Day Bulletin Dedications -- Easter brings members and friends of St. Paul's the opportunity to thank God for the blessings and special people in their lives and to remember loved ones at this holy time of year, by making a special donation to the Music and Flower ministries. A dedication from the donor will be included in the Easter Day bulletins. To submit a donation and dedication, please email Lesley Williams at lesley@stpaulsnewnan.org by March 28.

Parish Announcements

Virtual Coffee Hour -- Thanks to host volunteers, we have resumed our virtual coffee hours via Zoom, beginning at approximately 11:15 a.m., following the morning service. Simply grab your own coffee and go to <https://tinyurl.com/stpcoffeehour>. We ask you to put yourself on mute when not speaking to help cut down on feedback. This Sunday's Coffee Hour host are Whitney and Josh Lowet.

Godly Play: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. -- Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum that includes storytelling, interaction, exploration, and creativity to teach and enliven Bible stories. In Godly Play, for ages 4 through 5th grade, marvelous things happen as children "work, play and wonder together at the awesomeness of God." Email Elisabeth Copeland at elisabeth@stpaulsnewnan.org for the Zoom meeting link.

Adult Formation: Sundays at 9:00 a.m. -- Please join us for a study of Barbara Brown Taylor's Holy Envy. The book's subtitle is, "Finding God in the Faith of Others," and one of the reviews says it "reminds us that God is bigger than any one religion. Prepare to be surprised and, best of all, to come to know God in a new way." Even if you don't have the book, we would love to include you in our discussion. Our meeting ID is 837 1763 1107, passcode is 097390. Email Lauren Gallagher at laurengallagher77@gmail.com with any questions.

Virtual Children's Choir: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. -- Children in grades 2 and up are invited to join our St. Paul's Virtual Children's Choir. There is no upper grade/age limit. To register your child if you have not already done so, email Dawn Harrison at dawnie.harrison@gmail.com.

Prayer Requests -- Prayer requests for the parish prayer list or the confidential Daughters of the King prayer list may be submitted online at <https://tinyurl.com/stpprayers> or you may also contact Hazel+ directly.

Financial Gifts -- To continue to give financially to St. Paul's as well as contribute to the rector's discretionary fund or our Peace and Purpose campaign during this time, you may mail a check to the church, set up one-time or regular payments via your bank, or make an online payment via credit card. Please visit <http://www.stpaulsnewnan.org/give/> for detailed instructions.

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