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Holy Eucharist, Penitential Rite I
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2024

Please silence your electronic devices. Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Full text of prayers may be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

The Opening Voluntary “Wondrous Love ” arr. David N. Johnson

Introit *Whoever serves me must follow me* John 12, Psalm 17

Processional Hymn (standing) “In the cross of Christ I glory” Hymn 441

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins; BCP 319
People His mercy endureth for ever.

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People, kneeling or standing

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,	spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.
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Celebrant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Kyrie eleison *Sung*
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

Reader A reading from the Prophet 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 *Miserere mei, Deus*

- 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 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 with/in me, *
and will make me understand /wisdom secret/ly.
- 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/joyce.
- 10 Hide your face/ from my /sins *
and blot /out all my in/iquities.
- 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 a/gain *
and sustain me with your /bountiful /Spirit.

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (*standing*) “What wondrous love is this”

Hymn 439

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (12:20-33).

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

Standing

BCP 327

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all
 worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the
 Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation
 came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
 of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under
 Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again
 according to the Scriptures,
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the
 Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Ghost the
 Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and
 the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son
 together is worshiped and glorified;
 who spake by the Prophets.
 And I believe one holy Catholic and
 Apostolic Church;
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the
 remission of sins; and I look for the
 resurrection of the dead, and the life of
 the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Standing or kneeling

BCP 328

Reader Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to Bishop Mark and all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of Joe, our President, and all those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor *Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Tom, Linda, Leandra, Betsy, Tom, Steve, Mary Ruth, Morgan and Barbara, Thomas, Tammy, Dorothy, Amelia, Celia, Timmy and Baylie*. and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

Offertory Anthem "To Mock Your Reign" The Third Tune, Thomas Tallis

The Doxology (*standing*) (text below) Hymnal 380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer I *Standing* BCP 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant BCP 333 - 334

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty... evermore praising thee and saying,

Sanctus *Sung*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant *Kneeling or standing* BCP 334 - 336

All glory be to thee... O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

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

Celebrant and people

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.

Agnus Dei *Sung*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

To My Humble Supplication

Genevan Psalter

Communion Music

"Ground in C Minor"

Henry Purcell

Once all have received, the celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Kneeling or standing

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant offers a Solemn Prayer over the people.

Recessional Hymn

"When I survey the wondrous cross"

Hymn 474

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

"Deo Gratias"

Francois Couperin

No flowers during Lent

Pray today for the Lay Employees and Volunteers of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

Sunday Bible Study, March 17 Our Sunday morning Bible Study will be held at 9:30 am in the Parish House with a short read through the Letters of John.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening Bible Study continues our read through the Gospel of Luke on March 18 at 7:00 pm in the Parish House; this week, we will look at Jesus calling the disciples and offering further healings (Luke 5:12-39).

Lenten Program

This year's Lenten Program is about Prayer, considering why we pray, why we should regularly pray together and individually, and discussing (and occasionally practicing) how we pray. We will meet in the Undercroft after the 10:30 service on Sundays (March 17), with a light lunch of soup and bread preceding the program.

Bible Studies and Wednesday Eucharist

Our Sunday morning study (9:30 in the Parish House) is taking Palm Sunday and Easter (March 24 and 31) off. Our Monday night study (7:00 in the Parish House) will not meet March 25 and April 1. The Wednesday Noon Eucharist in the Chapel is on hiatus beginning March 20; we will resume on April 10.

Ecumenical Lenten Lunch

After a multi-year hiatus, several Martinsville churches (Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal) are again getting together to offer a Lenten program. Each Thursday in Lent (February 15 - March 21), we are invited to a different church at Noon for lunch and a Lenten devotion offered by the pastor.

Schedule:

6) Starling Avenue Baptist Church (Angela Zimmerman, Devotional): March 21st

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24, 9 am - Community Palm Sunday Service @ J. Frank Wilson Park

Palm Sunday, March 24, 10:30 am - Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Monday, March 25, 7 pm - Evensong

Tuesday, March 26, 7 pm - Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 27, 6:15 pm - Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7 pm - Holy Eucharist with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar

Friday, March 29, Noon - Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 29, 7 pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, March 30, 8 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday, March 31, 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist w/Confirmation. Reception in the UC.

Easter Flowering Cross

As is tradition, on Easter morning (March 31), parishioners young and old are invited to bring a few flowers (with stems wrapped in foil or otherwise held together) to place in the wire-covered cross in the narthex, thereby adding even more colorful joy to our celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

Bring a Bell to Ring

Please bring a bell to ring during the 'alleluias' on Easter Sunday.

Easter Flower Memorials

If you wish to give Easter lilies as a memorial, "in honor of" or "in thanksgiving for" friends and family members, please complete the attached form and mail it to the church office or put it in the collection plate along with your check.

The cost is \$13.00 EACH - Checks should be made payable to Christ Episcopal Church, with 'Easter Flowers' on the check memo line.

Please Note: To print your flower memorials and thanksgivings in the Easter bulletins, we must have your orders in the church office no later than Friday, March 22nd.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for **March: Dish detergent. For March: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and hygiene items.** As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Susan Critz

Chalicers: Natalie Coleman, John Swezey

Acolyte: Pete Scouras

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Bob Weatherall, Hank Long, Dan Cahill

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Altar Guild Team #3: Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman, Ellen Maxwell, Ben Beeler, Kaye Woodz (Susan Critz - flower substitute)

Counters: Jay Dickens, Natalie Coleman

Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

2024 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Ben Beeler; Jay Dickens, Senior Warden; Beverly Lyle, Treasurer; Andy Williams, Junior Warden

Year 2: Betty Budde; Natalie Coleman, Secretary; Pat Russell; Will Zimmer

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