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Holy Eucharist, Rite I
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Acoustic Music
April 6, 2025

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).

Processional Hymn (*standing*) “Morning Has Broken” Hymn 8

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.

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 *Spoken*
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 Book of the Prophet Isaiah (43:16-21).

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 *In convertendo* (spoken)

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Phillipi (3:4b-14).

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of

the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

In His Arms I'm Not Afraid

Recorded by The Isaacs
Written by Homer Eanes

1 Not afraid to bid this world goodbye
Not afraid to close my eyes and die
For His courage I have prayed
In His arms I'm not afraid.

Repeat #1

When I cross that silent sea
And the home lights beckon me
I'll feel no pain and I'll fear no harm
I'll be safe and secure in Jesus' arms

2 When I close my eyes in death
Fold my hands upon my chest
Sing for me a pretty song
While I take my journey home

Repeat #1

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (12:1-8).
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

Seated

The Rev. John Adams

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 Donald, 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, Betsy, Jennifer, Carleigh, Rebecca, Harry, Ralphie, Carolyn, Sanddii, Millard, Tom, Chuck, Will, and Virginia*; 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 Music

I Am the Bread of Life

S. Suzanne Toolan

I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;
They who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
And they who eat of this bread,
They shall live forever, they shall live forever.

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last day.

Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood,

You shall not have life within you, you shall not have life within you.
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last day.

I am the resurrection, I am the life
They who believe in me,
Even if they die, they shall live for ever.
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last day.

Yes, Lord we believe that You are the Christ,
The Son of God
Who has come into the world.
And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
And I will raise them up on the last day.

The Hymnal 1982 (Blue Book)

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The Doxology (*standing*) (spoken)

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.

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

Sanctus Spoken

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 Spoken

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

“Take away the stone”

John 11, Psalm 130

Communion Music

Here I am, Lord

By Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain I have borne my people’s pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn away.

I will break their heart of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word for them, whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

1981 Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music

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.

Reessional Music

How Deep The Father’s Love For Us

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father’s love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;

His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,

His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

No flowers during Lent

Pray today for the members of the Executive Board and the Standing Committee 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.

Discretionary Fund – Today is the 1st Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector’s Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, “For RDF”.

Easter Lilies

The order forms for the Easter lilies are on both sides of the Narthex and in the Church office. All orders are due by Friday, April 11. The cost is \$15 each.

Lenten Study: Explorations in Christian Ethics

Monday April 7, we will gather in the Undercroft for a light supper and program. Fr. John will lead us in discussions of Christian ethics, as we consider how we think about and apply Jesus’ teachings to the moral problems we encounter in our daily lives. This takes the place of the usual Monday Bible Study, which will resume after Easter. Supper begins at 6:00 pm, with the discussion concluding by 7:30.

Women’s Club Meeting

The Women’s Club meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 8, at 5:30 in the Parish House**. There is a sign-up sheet on the church website to attend and bring something to share. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday Eucharist

On Wednesdays, we celebrate Holy Eucharist at Noon in the Chapel (enter via the glass Undercroft door at the back of the church building). These brief (thirty minutes) spoken services commemorate the saint of the day from the Episcopal calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts, and are perfect for those who want to attend a service but are unable to come Sunday mornings or who want an additional gathering for corporate prayer to help them through the week. **Our schedule in April is inconsistent: there will be Wednesday Eucharists on April 9 and 30, but no Wednesday Eucharist on April 2, 16, or 23.**

History of the Early Church

Our next study in the History of the Early Church will take place on **Wednesday, April 9 at 10:30 in the Undercroft**, as we consider 5th-century developments in the theological understanding of Jesus.

Public Theology

Public Theology meets on **Wednesday, April 9**, at Renewal Brewing in Uptown Martinsville (32 Franklin St). We begin with socializing and pizza around 6:00, with the discussion going from 7:00 to 8:00.

Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

The churches of Martinsville are again coming together to offer lunch and a brief devotion at Noon on the Thursdays of Lent. All are invited to attend any or all of these lunches; the devotions will conclude by 1:00 pm. The schedule is:

April 10 - First Baptist East (1043 E. Church St.)

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13, 9:00 am - Community Palm Sunday Service at J. Frank Wilson Park

Palm Sunday, April 13, 10:30 am - Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 pm - Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 pm - Holy Eucharist with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar (followed by overnight Vigil in the Chapel)

Good Friday, April 18, Noon - Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 pm - Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 19, 8:00 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter (in partnership with Holy Trinity Lutheran, with Vicar Andy Taminger preaching)

Easter Sunday, April 20, 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist

Charles Cain Celebration of Life

A Celebration of Life for Charles C. Cain, father of long-time church member Kelly Cain, will take place in the **Parish House on Sunday, April 13, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm**; parishioners and friends are invited to attend.

Maundy Thursday Vigil

In obedience to Jesus, who wondered that his disciples were unable to keep watch with him for one hour in Gethsemane, some find it deeply meaningful to stay awake and pray for a portion of the night on Maundy Thursday (April 17). Kyle Trent is organizing a vigil in the Chapel between the end of the Maundy Thursday liturgy and Friday morning; if you are interested in taking an hour, please contact him at kyletrent@kyletrent.com.

Easter Flowering Cross

As is tradition, on Easter morning (April 20), 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.

Grace Network

Our Grace Network Assignments for **April - June: Deodorant (Men's or Women's) For April: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and hygiene items**. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network by 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.**

Collect for the Election of Our Bishop

In a letter sent February 19, Bishop Mark Bourlakas announced his resignation as Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia (effective May 22) to serve as an Assistant Bishop (based in Falls Church) in the Diocese of Virginia beginning June 1. The Standing Committee of the Diocese has offered the following prayer for this time of transition:

Creator God, whose Church lives beyond the walls of buildings and the boundaries of cities, we ask that you guide our work as the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia moves together through a transition of leadership. We pray for patience in dialogue and wisdom in discernment, that the richness of our diverse voices, from farmland to small town, mountain to downtown, will all be valued and heard. We pray for the person who will be elected as our next Bishop, for all those who are in discernment, and for the people of this diocese, so that the work of spreading God's love in southwestern Virginia and beyond will grow and flourish in the years to come. In the name of your incarnate son we pray, Amen.

Diocesan Search and Transition Committees

The Standing Committee of the Diocese is inviting nominations for clergy and laity to serve on the committees to search for candidates to be our next Bishop and to facilitate the election and transition. More details are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Ann Gardner

Chalicer: Natalie Coleman, Dawn Stone

Acoustic Music: Will Zimmer

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Jay Dickens, Bob Weatherall

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Nursery Attendant: Emily Williams

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