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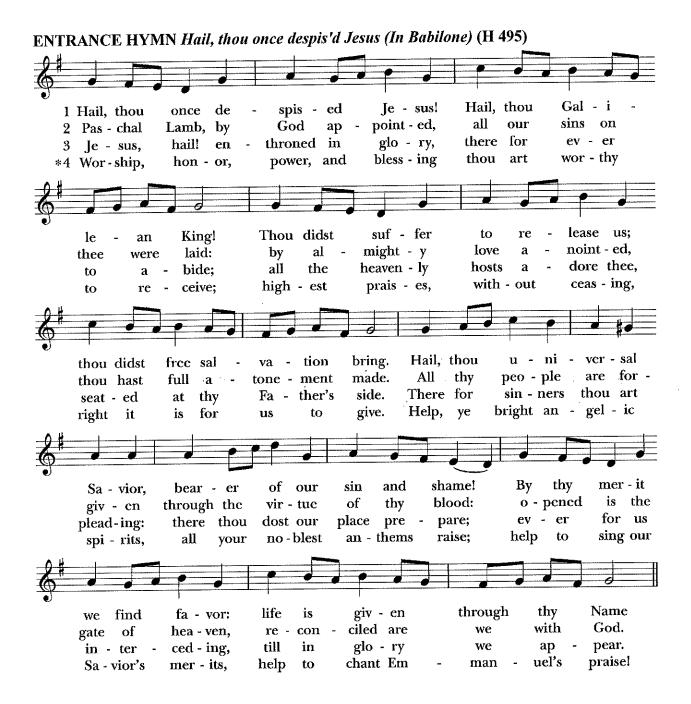


"You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

April 6, 2025

9:30 AM

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures for ever.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

KYRIE OR TRISAGION LEVAS 237 Lord, Have Mercy

The following is sung, all standing



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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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: 18"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19I 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. ²⁰The 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, 21the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 126

Remain seated.

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.

³Then they said among the nations, *

"The LORD has done great things for them."

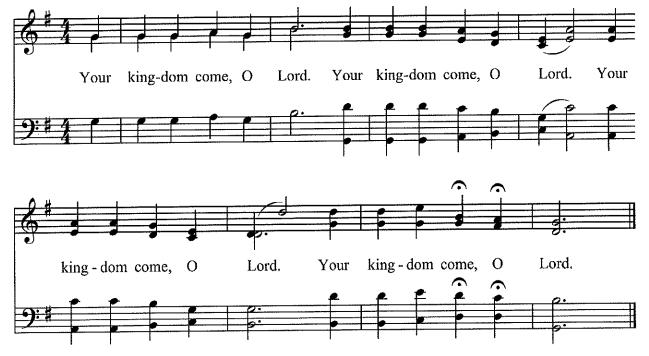
⁴The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.

⁵Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.

⁶Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Your kingdom come, O Lord (MHSO 27) All stand.



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GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

All stand.

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary 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. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(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.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON BY THE REV. SHERRY DEETS

THE NICENE CREED

All rise as you are able.

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

Forgiving God, hear and respond to us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Soften the hearts of your people, show us how to bear our calling with humility and grace, that together we may truly be the body of Christ for the world. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Raise up leaders among us who are grounded in honesty, compassion, and selflessness, that they may guide our nation into fulfilling its promise, creating a nation where all have the opportunity to live into their potential. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Bless this assembly and help us to see more clearly our bonds to one another and the ways you have called us to serve our community together. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Restore the abundant and protective glory of nature and embolden us to be advocates for and stewards of your created world. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Bring your healing powers to bear on all who suffer, give knowledge and skill to those in healing vocations, and empower us to be servants to those in any need. Especially, we pray for those we now name silently or out loud (a period of silence):

Zella Anderson, Violet Armstead, Angie Ashe, Bob Austin, Molly Baldwin, Marsha Barley, Bill Besecker, Marie Hyacinthe Bribal, Anthony Brogan, Walter Bryant, Carol, Carolyn, Lola Clarke, Betsy Comstock, Millie Connor, John Coveleski, Sherry Deets, Didi, Dorothy, Andrea Dudley, Ellie, Charles Emmett, Morris Ferguson, Karen Fisher, Cassie Foreman, Kyla Foreman, Jacob Furlong, Bianca Giannotti, Linda Graber, Samantha Griggs, Susan Hanft, Scott Hansberry, Esther Harvey, Pat Hendricks, Matt Hess, Janice, Danyell Jackson, Jay, Jennifer Jenkins, Maria Jones, Diane Kitson, Nina Larkin, John and Lindsay, Lisa, David Kirkner, Lisa Kivett, Sye Lamar, Melanie Lifer, Olivia Lyons, Joseph Manni, Paige McClean, Kevin McGloon, Mercedes, Mia, Mickey, Brian Miller, Tracy Mulligan, Bruce Murray, Adam Nolt, Jessica Nupponen, Terry Oxenreider, Stan Pernsley, April Phillips, Ben Phillips, Lynn Pullman, Arlene Purnsley, Michael Rayner, Jacob Rockoff, Cathy Shaffer, Shane, Thomas Shanley, Erma Sinsabaugh, Barb Smelter, John Smelter, Stephen Smelter, Colby Stackhouse, Stephanie, Sue, Becky Swaggart, Dihona Talton and children, Catherine Thompson, Tom, Vicki Romberger, Norman Walters, Cyndi Walters, Isaac Warnick, Sally Warren, Paul Wayne, Mary Nell Weiss, Chanel Wiest, Brendan Willauer, Ruby Williams

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who protect and serve, as well as their families: the police, the firefighters, emergency medical personnel and those serving in the military, especially those listed who are near to our hearts and those we name silently or out loud (a period of silence):

Police: Lt Lori and Jeff Kistle, Marquis Costello

Military: PO1 Andrew Combs, MAJ Corey Combs, Skylar Dantzler, MAJ Alex Deets, PO William Dowling, 1st LT Frank Furman, Jr., J. Andrew Hinkle, PFC Shane McWilliams, MGSgt Troy Meacham,

Sgt Kaleel Pernsley, Specialist Jason Sage, CPT Jeremy Smith, LCMDR Michael Sracic MC, and MSgt Rewa Price

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those in our parish family celebrating birthdays this week: Sherry Deets, Diane Evans, Stacey Heston and Alfred Carey, Jr. And for those celebrating anniversaries this week: Meg and Dev Devereux. Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

In you, O God, do we put our trust. We entrust to you our dead, especially Beatrix Eccles, Caroline Eccles and Ella Denis deVitre, for whom the altar flowers are given, because you alone are our refuge and salvation. You alone are mighty to save. O God, we pray for your mercy: *Lord, hear our prayer*.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Grant us these prayers Almighty God, through the love shown us by your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who with your Holy Spirit are one God, indivisible and eternal. **Amen**.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

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." Mark 12:29-31

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

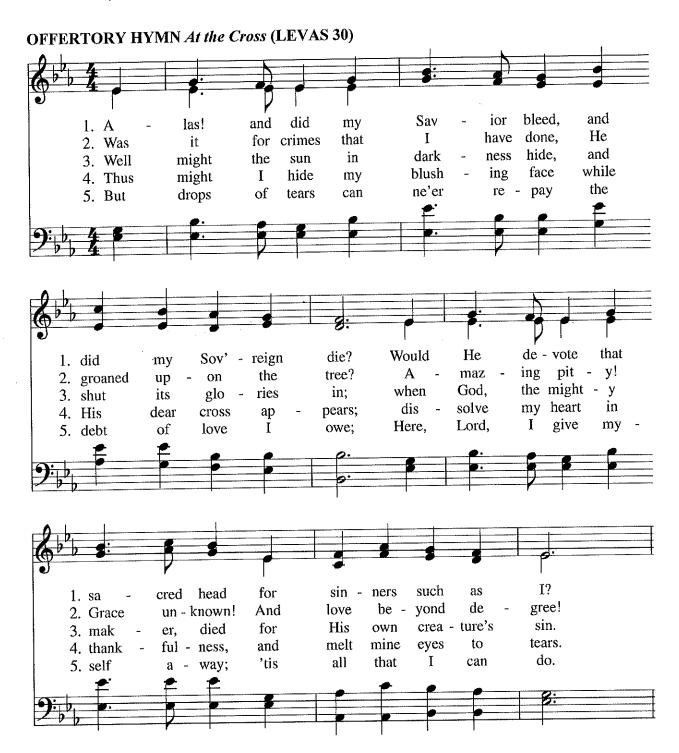
Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2





The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life

and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Cyril, our patron saint, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (LEVAS #264)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing.

People and Celebrant

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

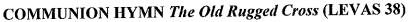
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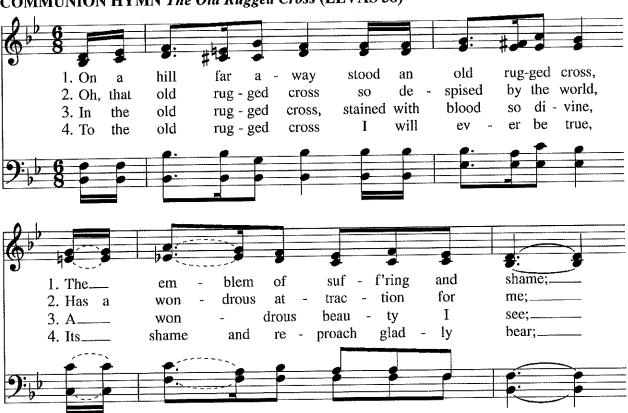
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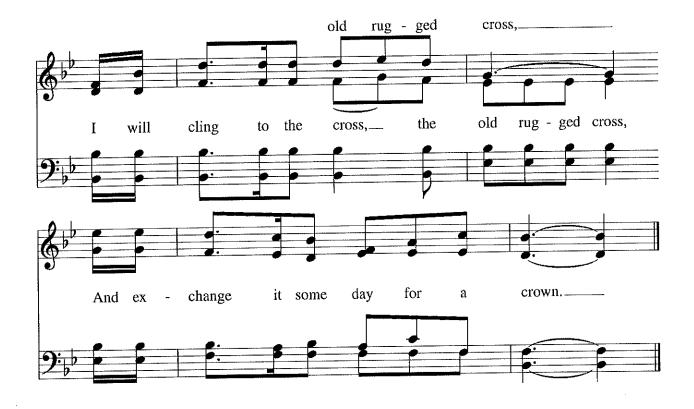
The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.









ANTHEM BY CHOIR

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

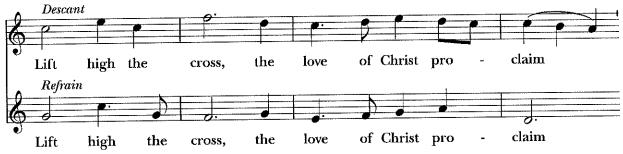
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE LENTEN PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN Lift High the Cross (Crucifer) (H 473)





DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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TODAY



The flowers are placed on the altar to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Beatrix Eccles Caroline Eccles Ella Denis deVitre,

by Minnie Kirwin

Announcements:

Brown Bag Bible Study on Monday, April 7th begins at 11:30 a.m. through 1 p.m. in the social hall. You may bring your lunch.

Healing Service on Thursday, April 10th at Noon via Zoom. Commemorating Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Scientist and Military Chaplain, 1955

Vestry Meeting, Sunday, April 13th after coffee hour, 11 a.m.

Holy Week Services:

Palm/Passion Sunday: April 13th with dramatic reading of the Passion 9:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday: April 17th at 7 p.m. Agape in Stone Hall (optional foot washing) and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday: April 18th at 7 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy Easter Sunday: April 20th at 9:30 a.m. Guest Cellist

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