The Fifth Sunday in Lent

21 March 2021
11 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Wheatfield, by Vincent van Gogh (1888)
Welcome to Grace Cathedral — online! You are invited to participate in this service as you are able, by standing, sitting, praying and singing aloud as you may be moved. We may not be with you to hear you, but we join our prayers with yours, and offer them to God with joyful hearts.

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Voluntary

Prelude on Rockingham

Kenneth Leighton

Procession

Kyrie Eleison

Herbert Howells
Collegium Regale

The Gathering

Choir  Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Opening Acclamation

Presider  Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People  Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Confession of Sin

The people may kneel or stand.

Presider  Let us confess our sins to God.

All  God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The presider pronounces God’s absolution.

The Collect of the Day

Presider  May God be with you.

People  And also with you.

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 Word of God

The First Reading

The people sit.

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

“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 Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The First Reading

The people sit.

Choir, then all

Have m er-c y on me, O God; ac-cord-ing to your lov-ing kind-ness.

Choir

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

All Have mercy on me, O God; according to your loving kindness.

Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

All Have mercy on me, O God; according to your loving kindness.
The Second Reading

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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 Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Choir If anyone serves me, he must follow me, says the Lord;

People and where I am, there shall my servant al - so be.

Before the reading The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
All 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.

After the Gospel The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

A period of silence may follow.

The people sit.
The Nicene Creed

After the sermon, the people stand.

All 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

Presider In peace, we pray to you, O God:
In gratitude for this community, especially ...
and for all the blessings of this life

People We praise and exalt you for ever and ever.
For the mission and ministry of the Church of God
For all who serve the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth
For all who await the outward signs and grace of Baptism
For all who hunger and thirst for your presence
For those we greet comfortably and love readily,
For those we ignore, diminish, or exclude
For this community, city, nation and world;
For all who labor for justice, equity, health and wholeness
For the just and proper use of your creation
For the will to choose the common good
For all who are sick, suffering, displaced or detained,
For all who heal, soothe, grant refuge and release,
Hear us, God;
For your mercy is great;
For... and all the saints
For eternal rest and peace.

The presider adds a concluding collect.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.
Announcements
Announcements about your cathedral home, and the many ways you can be a part of this vibrant community

The Holy Communion

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Hymn 474
Sung by all, standing.

Hymn text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); music: from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

The Great Thanksgiving
Enriching our Worship I, Prayer 2

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider ...Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:
Sanctus

Presider, concluding

Thomas. 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.

All  Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Presider  Let us pray together, each in the language of our heart, as our Savior Christ
has taught us:

All  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  The Bread is broken. Silence follows.

Invitation to Communion

Presider  God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People  Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Agnus Dei

Choir  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider  Let us pray.

All  Everliving God,
we give you thanks
for nourishing our roots
and creating us anew.
Fed and healed by your presence,
loving you in our service,
Help us to become what we celebrate,
the Body of Christ for the world.

Amen.
Hymn 439

Sung by all, standing.

Wondrous Love

The Sending Forth

The Blessing and Dismissal

The presider pronounces God's blessing.

Presider

May the crucified Christ shatter our brittle fear, draw all people to his glory, and make us servants for the life of the world, and the blessing of God....

All

Amen.

Deacon

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Fantasia on Wondrous Love

David Hurd
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