

Sunday, March 21, 2021 | St. Francis' Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Liturgy of the Eucharist
Book of Common Prayer*



Prelude

Welcome from the Vicar

A Penitential Order

Deacon: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.


People: **God's mercy endures forever.**

The Decalogue

Deacon: God spoke these words and said: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me."

Antiphon:

People



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and in - cline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. (a)

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. (a)

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. (a)

Honor your parents. (a)

You shall not commit murder. (a)


You shall not commit adultery. (a)

You shall not steal. (a)


You shall not be a false witness. (a)

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

After the 10th Commandment



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, and write all these thy laws in our



hearts, we be - seech thee.

Deacon: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

Mark 12:29-31

"Of the commandments, the first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People:

**Almighty God,
maker of all things, judge of all people:
We acknowledge and lament our many sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time grievously have committed,
in thought, word, and deed, against your divine Splendor,
provoking most justly your anger and unhappiness with us.
We turn away from these evil thoughts, words and deeds and turn toward you.
We are deeply sorry for our misdoings;
thinking of them grieves us,
the burden of them is horrible.
Have mercy on us,
have mercy on us, most merciful God;
for the sake of your Child, our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that from this moment forward we may
serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: **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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Old Testament

Reader: A reading from the Book of 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 word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119

v. 9-16

Psalm Leaders, Leah Milton and Lynn Grames

Hap - py are — they who — walk — in the law — of the LORD.

A **B**

- 9 How shall a young man cleanse his way?
By keeping to your words.
- 10 With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not stray from your commandments. (a)
- 11 I treasure your promise in my heart,
that I may not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, O Lord;
instruct me in your statutes. (a)
- 13 With my lips will I recite
all the judgments of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees
than in all manner of riches. (a)
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments
and give attention to your ways.
- 16 My delight is in your statutes;
I will not forget your word. (a)

The Epistle

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

When Christ was Lifted from the Earth

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Hymn Leader, Michael and Sally Boyd

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

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The Gospel

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

12:20-33

People: **Glory to you, O 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 human.
 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.

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, and may our response be, "Hear our prayer."

Intercessor: Incarnate God, through your Word you teach us to be prayerful, and to be thankful for all people. Today, we pray that your Church Universal may continue to be inspired by the Spirit of truth, unity, and peace. And as we confess the holiness of your Name, bring us to live according to your Truth. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bless all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Deon, our Bishop, Laurie, our Vicar, Rebecca, our Deacon; that their actions and words be reflective of your life-sustaining Teaching, so as to administer your holy Sacraments with a spirit of love and respect. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ironton, and for Richard their priest. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Draw all people into your protective fold, and especially this congregation gathered here; that, we may receive and inwardly digest your life-giving Word of Love, so that we may be united by the Spirit of Christ, and generously serve others in his name. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: God of Wisdom, bless those who are charged with the authority of government with a vision of peace and reconciliation. Give them knowledge of your will, regard for your laws, and respect for the whole human family. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: God of all Creation, since the beginning you have created all things, and you have invited us to be faithful stewards of your creation. Give to all persons a reverence for our earthly home that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Abiding Spirit of God, we place in your hands those for whom we want to pray: for our parishioners Noel, Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, and Sue; and for those who have asked for our prayers for Brittany, Virginia, Lisa, Gigi, Darlene, Carly, Chris, Molly, Penny, Sally, Tessie, Melanie, Debbie, and Robin, that they may find comfort in the goodness of your love for their trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or other adversity. And we ask that your comforting and compassionate Spirit enfold Asian-American people who are suffering from racial division and tension, as well as unjust violence. God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Eternal Spirit, we pray for all those whom we love but see no longer, especially parishioner Ann Doerr, Randy Hrovatt, and the victims from the gun violence in Atlanta, grant to them eternal rest where sorrow and pain are no more, but life that knows no age. May we, following the good examples of Francis and all the saints, and in our own time, come to the joy of your heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People: **Amen.**

Please see our parish Prayer Lists, which can be found on page 14 of this bulletin, for additional biddings and concerns. If you would like to make a prayer request, please complete our Prayer Request Form which can be accessed on our website.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to the members of your household and then to people in the world that you love and struggle to love.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

Instrumental music plays as our ushers collect our offerings to God.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, 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 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:

Celebrant and People:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

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

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Savior. By Christ and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

People: **AMEN.**

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

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant and People:

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This Eucharistic table does not belong to the Episcopal Church or to St. Francis'. This is God's table, and all are welcome. In the Episcopal Church, we receive both the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Jesus. However because of Covid, we cannot all receive from the same cup at the same time, but our cup remains common to us all as a different parishioner receives the cup at each service on behalf of the entire community. If you prefer not to receive Communion, please just cross your hands over your heart when the clergy come to your car.

Communion Hymn

What Wondrous Love is This

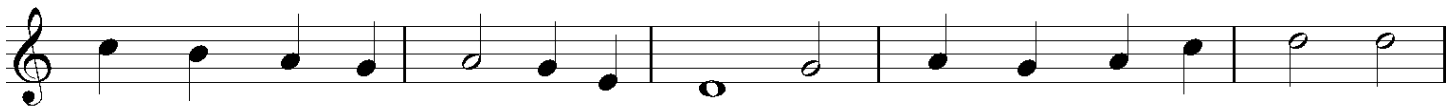
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Hymn Leader, Susan Oris

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of hearts; Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: May this blessing be the road that returns you. Let it be the strength to carry through the wilderness, and in the name of God—Parent, Child and unending spirit—be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

v. 1-2

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tourum militum*, from *Antiphoner*; 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer Lists

Our homebound parishioner: Noel

Our parishioners: Roger, Paul, Mary, Max, and Sue

For those who have asked for prayers: For Brittany, Virginia, Lisa, Gigi, Darlene, Carly, Chris, Mary Jo, Molly, Penny, Sally, Tessie, Melanie, Debbie, and Robin; the Asian-American community suffering from racial tensions and violence; for the first responders, healthcare professionals, and educators who continue to work during this pandemic; the manufacturing and equitable distribution of Covid-19 vaccines

For those who have died and those who mourn: For parishioner Ann Doerr, Randy Hrovatt, and the victims from the gun violence in Atlanta and for those who have suffered loss from natural disasters; for the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty and their families; and for all in St. Louis who have suffered directly from gun violence this year and those whose lives were lost and their families

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For the people and ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ironton and for Richard, their priest

For those committed to our ongoing prayers: Deaconess Anne House interns and those discerning a call to ordained ministry; the ministry of the chaplains, staff, volunteers at Episcopal City Mission, and the youth in detention and their families; patients, families, & communities affected by substance use disorders and those suffering from untreated & undertreated pain and chronic diseases; those who serve in our military; all whose lives have been impacted by Covid-19

Today's Ministers of Worship

Celebrant	The Rev. Laurie Anzilotti
Deacon	The Ven. Rebecca Barger
Music Director	Cheryl Foster
Altar Guild	Jeff Veenstra
Greeter	Mary Ann Kinder
Ushers	Joe Bernert and Chris Kinder
Lectors	Janet Houseman and Paddy Wrob
Intercessor	Bob Smith
Livestream	Paul Jokerst and Michael Booker
Tellers	Brenda Russell and Marsha Smith

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Prayers of the People Rite 1, BCP pg. 328-30; modified for use at St. Francis' Episcopal Church.

AUDIO

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SINGING

We encourage you to sing along. Mask free is safe while you're in your car; if you exit your car or roll down your windows, please leave your mask on.

RECEIVING EUCHARIST

Everyone is invited to receive. Clergy members will come to the driver's window wearing a mask and hand the driver wafers for everyone in your car. Each wafer is individually wrapped in a sanitized plastic bag.

We will only be receiving in one kind. The bishop's guidelines do not permit the distribution of wine or juice at this time. Our cup remains a common cup by our inviting one parishioner to drink from it at each service.

If no one in the car would like to receive, simply cross your arms over your chest with your car window up.

MASKS

All attendees 2 years and older must wear masks any time you open car windows or step out of your car.

DISTANCE

Please stay within your car's parking spot, whether you remain in the car or sit outside of it. Greet one another with waves for now until we can safely offer hugs and handshakes.

CONTRIBUTIONS

We welcome donations to support the work of St. Francis', whether a payment on a pledge or simply an offering. Ushers have baskets to collect offerings.

