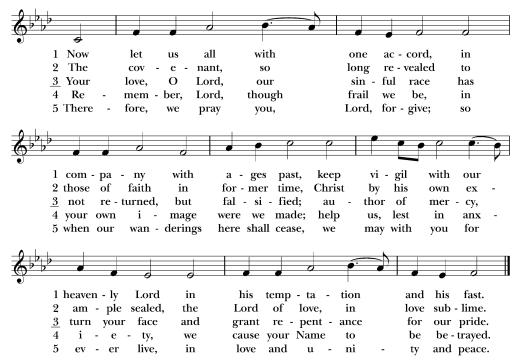


Holy Eucharist Rite II: March 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude Hymn 147 Lamb of God, Without Blemish Now let us all with one accord

J. S. Bach *Bourbon*



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Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

Priest 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 S96





The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest 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*.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

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.

Psalm 51:1-13 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me O God according to your loving k			
1	Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;		
2	in your great compassion blot out my offenses.		
2	Wash me through and through from my wickedness *		
	and cleanse me from my sin.		
3	For I know my transgressions, *		
	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 within me, *		
	and will make me understand wisdom secretly.		
8	Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *		
	wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.		
9	Make me hear of joy and gladness, *		
	that the body you have broken may rejoice.		
10	Hide your face from my sins *		
	and blot out all my iniquities.		
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 again *		
	and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.		
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	Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *		
	as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen		



Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: Unde et memores, William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

The Gospel John 12:20-33

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

People 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Mary Beth Mills-Curran

The Nicene Creed (Priest and People)

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 Form IV

After each petition the lay reader says:
Leader Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

The Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest 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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Ecce Sacerdos Edward Elgar

The DoxologyPraise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

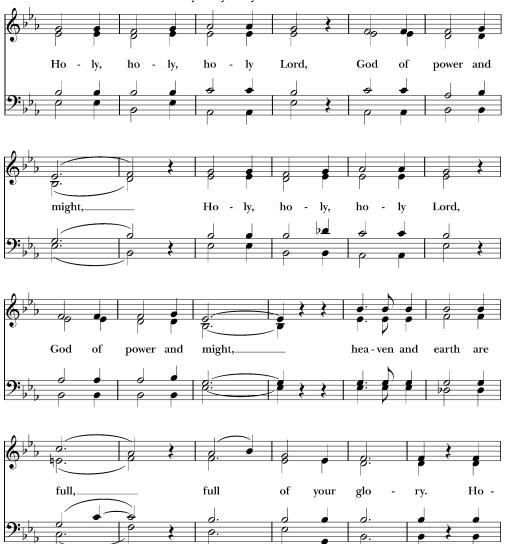
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Priest

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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:

Sanctus \$130 Holy, holy, holy Lord Schubert, arr Proulx





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Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Priest and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Priest And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may

be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed John, our patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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

The Lord's Prayer (People and Priest)

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

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S164



Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music at Communion

An Irish blessing

arr. James E. Moorer

The Post Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, 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 heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Priest Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people, that rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; and may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and ever more. *Amen*

Hymn 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! In Babilone



Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fantasy in C minor J. S. Bach

Service Participants

Maggie Spehr, Acolyte
Anne Pace, Stephen White, Lectors
Richard Weir, Lay Eucharistic Minister
Mary Gay Townsend, Scott Evans, Vestry Ushers
Michael Fairchild, A/V Ministry

The Very Rev. Gideon L. K. Pollach, *Rector*The Rev. Mary Beth Mills-Curran, *Curate*Bryce Westervelt, *Director of Music*Dr. Carol Weitner, *Organist*

Children's Ministry Participants

Eric Koepele Children's Chapel Winn Keaten, *Breakfast Club Leader* Sarah Pollach, *Breakfast Club Host* Terry Walton, *Nursery Care*

Pastoral Care

We ask your prayers for all those serving our nation overseas, for peace in the Holy Land, for the nation of Haiti and in particular, our partner school and church, St. Matthias in Deslandes; and for those who are ill: Lindsay Aikman Catherman, Steve Beggs, Tilghman Broaddus, Sr., Chloe Clancy, David Crummy, Jason Dargelo, Elisa Deane, Luke Demarest, Greg Fitzgerald, Kerry Hart, Mike LoMonico, Jr., Mike LoMonico, Sr., Lee Mackay, Kevin Moore, Peter Morris, Nicholas, Robin O'Brien, Peter Pawelko, Luna Perrone, The Saladino Family, Jack Santaniello, Andrea Smallwood, Donna Lee Weiland, and Stephen White, and for all who have died.

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Lindsay Kamdar
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Mary Gay Townsend
Jack Weidinger
Billy Wresch, *Senior Warden*

This Week at St. John's

3/17	Sunday	8 am 9 am 9:45 am 10 am 3 pm	Holy Eucharist Rite II Breakfast Club (grades 3-7) Nursery Care available (ages 4 and under) Holy Eucharist Rite II Holy Walk (Circumambulate St. John's Pond)
3/19	Tuesday	10 am 4 pm	Staff Meeting Grieving in Community (Vestry Room)
3/20	Wednesday	5 pm 7:30 pm	Junior Choir Lenten Series: Attending to Creation, Attending to God: Mrs. Rita Grifith
3/21	Thursday	5:15 pm 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Chancel Choir
3/24	Sunday	8 am 9 am 9:45 am 10 am	Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist Rite II Breakfast Club (grades 3-7) Nursery Care available (ages 4 and under) Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist Rite II

Links to all online and activities on Zoom can be found in the St. John's calendar, on the website www.stjcsh.org, or in the latest At St. John's e-newsletter



Special Events for Holy Week and Easter 2024

Palm Sunday - March 24

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, 8 AM and 10 AM
A festival of palm blessing as Jesus rides triumphantly into Jerusalem
and a reading of the Passion Narrative.

Maundy Thursday - March 28

Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Choir, 7:30 PM On Maundy Thursday we remember Jesus' final night, the Last Supper and his washing the Disciples' feet, as a lesson in how we are called to love one another.

After the service the altar is stripped bare for Good Friday.

Good Friday - March 29

Good Friday Liturgy with Choir, 12 PM
Outdoor Way of the Cross for Kids and Adults, 5 PM
At noon we gather to remember the hour when Jesus died on the cross
as the ultimate act of compassion. At five we remember his last days.

Easter Sunday - March 31

Spoken Holy Eucharist with Organ Prelude, 8 AM

Easter Egg Hunt, 9 AM

Holy Eucharist with Choir, Organ and Brass (with Nursery), 10 AM

Holy Eucharist with Choir, Organ and Brass, 11:30 AM

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Morning.

We celebrate the victory of love over death.

