

The Fifth Sunday in Lent 2021

Entrance Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I glory

H 441

Collect of the Day: 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 prophet 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... **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:9-16 *(said in unison)*

How shall a young man cleanse his way? * By keeping to your words.

With my whole heart I seek you; * let me not stray from your commandments.

I treasure your promise in my heart, * that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O LORD; * instruct me in your statutes.

With my lips will I recite *all the judgments of your mouth.

I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your commandments * and give attention to your ways.

My delight is in your statutes; *I will not forget your word.

A Reading from 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....**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Teach us to love* (in bulletin)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12:20-33) **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. The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Procession Hymn *The glory of these forty days* **H 143**

Announcements: COVID Coffee Hour follows the service today - **For Lent** - Lenten **Wednesday** Evening Prayer at 6:00 - **Fridays** in Lent – Stations of the

Cross at 5:30 -

The empty vases on the altar represent us as vessels for God. Sometimes that means emptying some of our “stuff” to make more room for God. Lent is a time for emptying so that God can fill us, renew us and remake us. The branches remind us that we entered the desert with Jesus for these forty days of Lent. The crown of thorns is a visible reminder that we are on a journey with Jesus to Jerusalem and the cross.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 28th - 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms

March 29th, 30th and 31st - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 12:10 Eucharist

Maundy Thursday – April 1st - 7:00 PM Service

Vigil at the Altar of Repose follows service at 8PM (Sign-up sheet to watch and pray will be available in the Parish Hall)

Good Friday – April 2nd - Good Friday Liturgy - Noon and 7:00 PM

Parish Work Day, Saturday, April 3rd – 9:30 - Noon

The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 3rd – 7:00PM

Easter Sunday – April 4th – 10:00 AM