**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 21st, 2021 at 10:00 am**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**



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**INFORMATION FOR NEWCOMERS: WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!**



Our motto is true whether you're here for the very first time

or you've been a member for decades –

**There is a place for you at God's Table!**

Welcome home to Christ Church. We are so very grateful that we can worship together once again. We will need to take special care to ensure the safety of ourselves and others as we worship. Each adult must accept responsibility for his/her own actions. Here are some safety guidelines that will help keep us all safe and healthy:

* Everyone must wear a facemask over mouth and nose at all times while in church buildings, except for a few seconds during Eucharist (see below).
* Maintain a safe distance of six-feet between yourself and others not a part of your household at all times.
* NO informal gathering are allowed in church buildings. Please move directly to seats in the sanctuary upon arrival and exit the building immediately following worship.
* NO singing, even with masks on. Singing spreads the coronavirus much more widely than talking, even with masks on.
* Use the offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary. Plates will not be passed during worship.
* COMMUNION PROCEDURES: Communion will be in one kind only – Bread only at this time and from the center aisle, not the altar rail. When it is time to come forward for Communion, please form a single line down the center aisle, maintaining six-feet of distance from others. KEEPING YOUR MASK ON, the priest will place a Host in your hands using tongs. RETURN TO YOUR SEAT, then remove your mask momentarily to consume the Host.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

(\*please rise as you are comfortable)

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: “Lord, who throughout these forty days” Hymnal 142

*“During the pandemic, no singing is permitted for the safety of our worshipping community. Thank you for your cooperation”.*

1  Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,

teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

2  As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,

O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.

3  As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,

to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

4  And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide,

yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.

5  Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,

an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

\*OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**People: His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy.

***People:* Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy.

\*COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy, **have mercy.**

\*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 FIRST LESSON 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.

*Lector:* 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-kindness; \*  
**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.**

### **THE SECOND LESSON 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.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** “Hail, thou once-despised Jesus” Hymnal 495

*“During the pandemic, no singing is permitted for the safety of our worshipping community. Thank you for your cooperation”.*

1  Hail, thou once despisèd Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!

Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.

Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!

By thy merit we find favor:  
life is given through thy Name

2  Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,

all our sins on thee were laid: by almighty love anointed,

thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven

through the virtue of thy blood: opened is the gate of heaven,

reconciled are we with God.

3  Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,

there for ever to abide;  
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,

seated at thy Father’s side. There for sinners thou art pleading:

there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us interceding,

till in glory we appear.

4  Worship, honor, power, and blessing

thou art worthy to receive; highest praises, without ceasing,

right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits,

all your noblest anthems raise; help to sing our Savior’s merits,

help to chant Emmanuel’s praise!

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL**

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

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON  The Rev. Canon Dr. Lee Anne Reat

\*THE NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of**

the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly 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,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who 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**

In peace, we pray to you Lord God.

*Silence*

Let us offer prayers to God who has made us a new creation in Christ, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For this parish community, that we may grow in holiness together as we prepare for the Paschal season.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ken, our Diocesan Bishop; Lee Anne, our priest; Rick, our deacon; and all who minister in Christ, that they may be firmly rooted in your truth and love.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all the peoples of the earth and for their leaders, that we may move ever closer to your holy reign of peace, dignity, and abundant life for all.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy work being done through and around us, in ministries such as Springfield Farmer’s Market, Project Women, Children’s Defense Fund Freedom Schools, YMCA, and Jefferson St. Oasis Garden, that fruits of love and mercy may be borne continually.

**Lord, have mercy**.

For all who are sick, afflicted, oppressed, or in need, especially Faye, Chris, Laura, Bonnie, Alice, Diana, James, Joy, Jane, Joni, Kim, Bobby, Sarah, Traudie, Lexie, and Keith, that they may be upheld by your Spirit and restored to wholeness.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Traudie, Jennifer, and Lori, and anniversaries especially, Ted & Wendy that they may rejoice always in you.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have fallen asleep in Christ, for all the departed, and for those who grieve.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*\**THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

**Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*.***

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**All: 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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

\*PRESENTATION: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God for all that love has done:**

**Creator, Christ, and Spirit, one! Amen.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 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 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,

**We remember Christ’s death,**

**We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,**

**We await Christ’s coming in glory;**

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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Mother Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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,

**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: Agnus Dei

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: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

\*THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant pronounces God’s blessing over the people. The people respond:* ***Amen.***

\*THE DISMISSAL *Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “In the cross of Christ I glory” Hymnal 441 vs. 1-4

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1 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o’er the wrecks of time;

all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o’ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,

never shall the cross forsake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3  When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,

from the cross the radiance streaming adds new luster to the day.

4  Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;

peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

POSTLUDE

**Ministers for March 21st, 2021**

**Altar Guild:** Joan Hurley and Susie Peterson

**Lector:** Judy Johnson

**Ushers:** Bill Hicks, Steve Sharp, and Dawn Ivy

**Music Technician:** Fred Bartenstein

**General Information**

**Rector:** The Rev.Canon Dr. Lee Anne Reat

**Deacon**: The Rev. Rick Incorvati

**Senior Warden**: Dawn Ivy

**Junior Warden**: Scott Yeazell

**Treasurer**: Ken Bladh

**Vestry at Large**: Bonnie Bingman, Kay Koeninger, Jimmy Ryan,

Linda Mortensen, Joyce Spangler, Denise Sharp, Keith Doubt, and Leeza Wheeler

**Parish Administrator & Program Coordinator**: Kelly Zeller

**Director of Music**: Dr. Christopher Durrenberger

**Nursery Attendant**: Jerushia Knox

**Facility Manager**: Paul McAfee

**Bookkeeper:** Tina Knox



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