

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**      Wondrous Love arranged by Anthony Giamanco

**The Word of God  
OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People      ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.***

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

**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. *Amen.*

**THE LESSONS**

**FIRST READING: 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.

Reader          The Word of the Lord.  
People          Thanks be to God.

**Psalms 51:1-13**

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 Epistle                      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.

Reader                      The Word of the Lord.

People                      Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded, Hans Leo Hassler

*arr. by Kenneth D. Friedrich*

Mary Standinger, Solo Trumpet

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

*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.

*Celebrant*                      The Gospel of the Lord.

People:                              Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON**                      **The Reverend Trula Hollywood**

## **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:  
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.

## Hymn 439

What Wondrous Love

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Fifth Week of Lent

God made Christ a high priest for our salvation. As we prepare for the Paschal feast let us lift up our prayers and supplications to God, through his Son, saying, Hear us, O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For the Church in all places, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, DeDe, our Bishop, Trula, our Priest, Chris, our District Dean, Dorothy, our District Deacon, Alice, our Lay Preacher & Worship Leader, that all the people of God may know the Lord through the covenant of love written in their hearts. Hear us, O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For this parish family, that in this holy season we may walk with Christ, entrust our lives to God, and allow God to raise up new life within us. Hear us, O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For the leaders of the nations, and all in authority, that God will give them the grace and will to work for peace, so that the broken body of the world may rejoice. Hear us O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For the grace to be women and men for others, that God will guide us in offering our lives in loving service, to help others along life's journey. Hear us O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For all those who lay down their lives for others, that God will guide and strengthen parents, caregivers for the sick, police and other first-responders, that they may be instruments of God's love and compassion. Hear us, O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For those celebrating birthdays, Sabra Cello. Nate Miller, Elizabeth Yost, Erin Yost and Kayla Rose Hankey. Hear us, O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For all who serve in the armed forces, especially Shannon Murray Tessmer, Gregory Cello, Jr., Adam Jacquet, Nick Tessmer, Daniel Murray, Emmily Botts, Jenna Keathly and Tim Garland. Hear us, O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For all teachers, students, and parents, and especially for our college students, Mary Standinger, Larissa Hankey, Kayla Hankey, Laura Robertson, Mikayla Sedlacek and Andrew Clark. Hear us, O God, *for your mercy is great.*

For all who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially Tom Vail, Pauline Stoner, Susan Beattie, Esther Thomas, Julia Zepkowski, Johanna Masters, Mike Medovich, Alice O'Brien-Botts, Diane Conneman, Eli Ames, Jean Radice, Gloria Arnold, Joan Gibbs, Jane Cornett, Joseph Murphy, Dorette Burnham, Noelle, Chris Mann, Grace Ellis, Greg Cello Sr., Louise Woodburn, Gail Yost Moyka, Joan Meddaugh, Johnny Wall, Doug Worthing, Matthew Smithkors, John Wall, Florence Sawyer, Violet Geller, Father Lee Love, Anthony Fusco, Marge Jackson, Maxine Bailey, Joan Babcock, Wylie Duerson, Darlene Allen, Joan Pascuzzo, Laura Engram, Daniel Cornwell and for those who love and care for them, and for those we now name..... (pause) that God will give them strength and fill their

hearts with hope and peace. Hear us, O God, **for your mercy is great.**

For those who have died, remembering especially ..... that, as they have been sown with Christ in death, so may they also be part of Christ's abundant harvest in eternal life. Hear us, O God, **for your mercy is great.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, God of eternal life, who lifted up your Son from death. Hear the prayers we offer this day, create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us, that we may be glorified with Christ for ever. To you be praise, honor, and glory, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People And also with you.

*Please take some time to offer each other Peace.*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Spiritual Communion is a Christian practice of desiring union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is used as a preparation for Holy Mass and by individuals who cannot receive Holy Communion.*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

"My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion

at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually. I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you."

## ACT OF RECEPTION

*The Celebrant continues*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day remembering particularly St. Paul's and all those worshipping here today, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given us (pause) ... We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts.

We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Thank you to Mary Standinger, Patti O'Connell and Laura Robertson for offering their talents to this service.

St. Paul's will be re-gathering in person beginning May 2<sup>nd</sup>!  
More information to follow.

Wednesday Noonday Prayer service on FB live.

Next week is Palm Sunday- we will read the Passion on ZOOM.  
Please keep an eye on your email as I will be asking

**Postlude:** Andante et Allegro by Guy Ropartz  
Mary Standinger, Solo Trumpet  
Accompaniment from Trumpet Records on YouTube

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

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