

St. James' Episcopal Church
Hyde Park, New York



Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. James' Church!
Thank you for joining us this morning.

A few notes about today's service

Most hymns are in *The Hymnal 1982*, the blue book in your pew. Hymns marked “LEVAS” refer to the hymnal *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, the book with a multi-colored cover and red binding.

Please join the congregation by saying
the responses marked in **bold font**.

The Word of God

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN #149 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
Please stand as you are able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

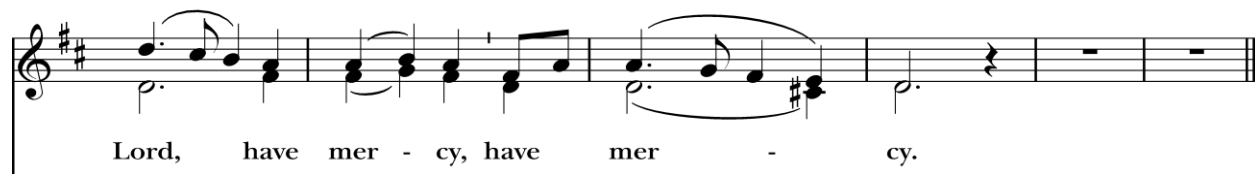
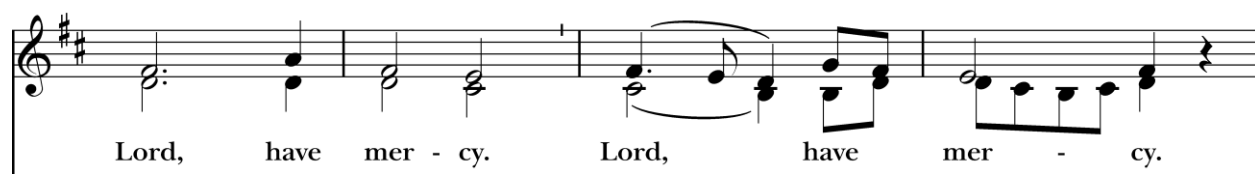
People **God's mercy endures forever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 355

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 #S-96

F. Schubert



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 LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

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.**

Responsively, the People saying the words in bold font.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

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Give me the joy of your saving help again, *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:5-10

Lector A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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.**

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN #474

When I survey the wondrous cross

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Deacon 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson

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Book of Common Prayer p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Book of Common Prayer p. 360

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL OCCASION PRAYERS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN #680

O God, our help in ages past

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

DOXOLOGY HYMN #380, VERSE 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Please remain standing as you are able.

Book of Common Prayer p. 361

SURSUM CORDA #S-120

The musical notation for the Sursum Corda hymn consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with 'Celebrant' and 'People' parts indicated above the staves.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to 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 #S-130

Schubert, arr. Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

Continued

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

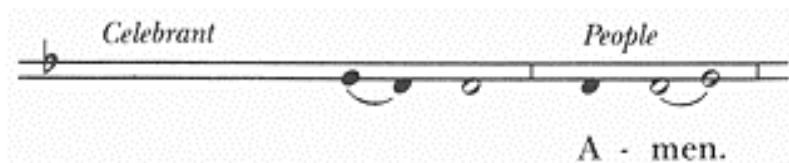
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...

...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.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

Celebrant

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

Our Father, who art in heaven...

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept. Then follows

THE FRACTION ANTHEM #S-164

Schubert, arr. Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

This altar is not ours, it is the Lord's. So come to this altar, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Adapted from the Iona Community's *Iona Abbey Worship Book*,
(Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2001), 53.

As Communion is distributed, we sing:

COMMUNION HYMN #439

What wondrous love is this

About Receiving Communion

Wherever you are in your journey with God, you are welcome to receive Communion. If you are in person and wish to receive, simply come forward to the altar rail, where you may either stand or kneel, holding forward an open palm. The priest will place the communion wafer in your hand. **Gluten-free wafers are available—just ask.** Then, the deacon will bring to you the common cup of wine. You may either drink from the cup, or you may let the deacon take the wafer from your open palm, dip the wafer into the wine, then place the wafer on your tongue. If you prefer to receive a blessing from the priest instead of communion, you may also come forward to the altar rail and hold your crossed arms over your chest.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Especially if you are worshiping via livestream, you are invited to pray the following Prayer for Spiritual Communion: Most holy Jesus, in you we are made one body and one spirit; may all that is in you flow into me this day, that I may grow more fully into your stature, bound to you in love within the communion of all the saints, and may this spiritual communion grant to me, in my earthly pilgrimage, a means of grace and a hope of glory; for your tender mercy's sake. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

Celebrant 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; through
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the People.

The People respond **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



Today's Worship Leaders

The Rev. Meredith Kadet Sanderson
Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Deacon Gail Ganter-Toback
Deacon

Glenn May
Minister of Music

Brian McCarthy
Barbara Slegel
Readers

Christopher Carter Sanderson
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Ushers

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Altar Guild

Kasey Gaulin
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