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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Virtual and In Person Worship

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Dr. Bob Lambe, Musical Director

Marge Cull & David Mortimer, readers

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Prelude: Hedwig's Theme, Williams

A Penitential Order:

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins. Amen.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

In unison:

Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare those who confess their faults,
restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy 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.

Kyrie S91

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people 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.*

Old Testament

Reader: A Reading from **Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 126

- When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Epistle

A Reading from **Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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.

Prayers of the People, Lent 2022 (Theme is prayer)

Reader: Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days.

People: Tutor each of our hearts to pray in this season.

Reader: May your Spirit guide the people, ordained leaders, our faith communities throughout the world to pray as we ought.

People: We pray this now for the Body of Christ.

Reader: God's whole creation is a prayer uniting all creatures, trees and all plants, the mountains, rivers and seas.

People: Spirit of God, may our prayer join with angels and all the creatures under heaven.

Reader: Jesus you prayed for the kingdom of God to be born. He prayed with and for the poor, the sick, those without any say in laws and conditions they lived under. Jesus also prayed for those who were wealthy and held power. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine and all the refugees.

People: We pray for our towns, cities, states, and nations. May all people and leaders uphold the dignity and worth of each person.

Reader: We pray for all first responders, for health care workers, for the police in North Attleboro and surrounding towns, for the fire fighters, EMTs and paramedics in North Attleboro and surrounding towns.

People: Prayer reaches into our communities in so many ways. Open our hearts to see our connections to others and to give thanks for them.

Reader: We pray for those serving in the military, especially:

Baron S., Zachary S., Christopher, Monique & Joey

Reader: We pray in thanksgiving for those who work while we sleep, who provide essential services we rely on—trades people, farmers, truck and delivery drivers, staff in stores selling clothing, food and medicine.

People: Prayer reaches beyond ourselves. Open the eyes of our hearts to see our connections to others and to give thanks for them.

Reader: Jesus, you prayed for and healed those in emotional, physical and spiritual hurt and need.

People: We pray for ourselves and all we know who in this day and time seek wholeness.

Reader: We pray now for those in any need, and especially those on our prayer list:

Ginny, Marilyn W., Carole HP., Muriel C., Richard T., David T. Sunrise T., Laura K., Natalie W., Lawrence H., Milo M., Ryan C., Julie F., Betty H, Grant B., Marjorie S., Alison S. & Richard M.

Reader: We are joined in the mystical body that unites the living with those who have died. We pray for them, as they pray for us.

(period of quiet pause to name people silently or out loud or enter into the Zoom chat box)

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We hear and join our own presence to those who have virtually requested prayers.

(appointed person reads any prayers in the Zoom chat box).

Celebrant: are there any birthdays or anniversaries for us to name and celebrate?

Celebrant: pray for anyone celebrating anniversaries or birthdays. Celebrate ends with a collect.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you

Special Collection for the Refugees of Ukraine

The Diocese has asked us to help support the people of Ukraine. They have set up a special fund as part of the Episcopal Relief Fund for this purpose. Please donate as you can during the services April 3rd and 10th; anything in the loose plate offering will be sent into the fund.

Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth, Rutter

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Eucharistic Prayer for Lent can be found on the handout available with the bulletin or in the red Book of Common Prayer found in each per, page 361.

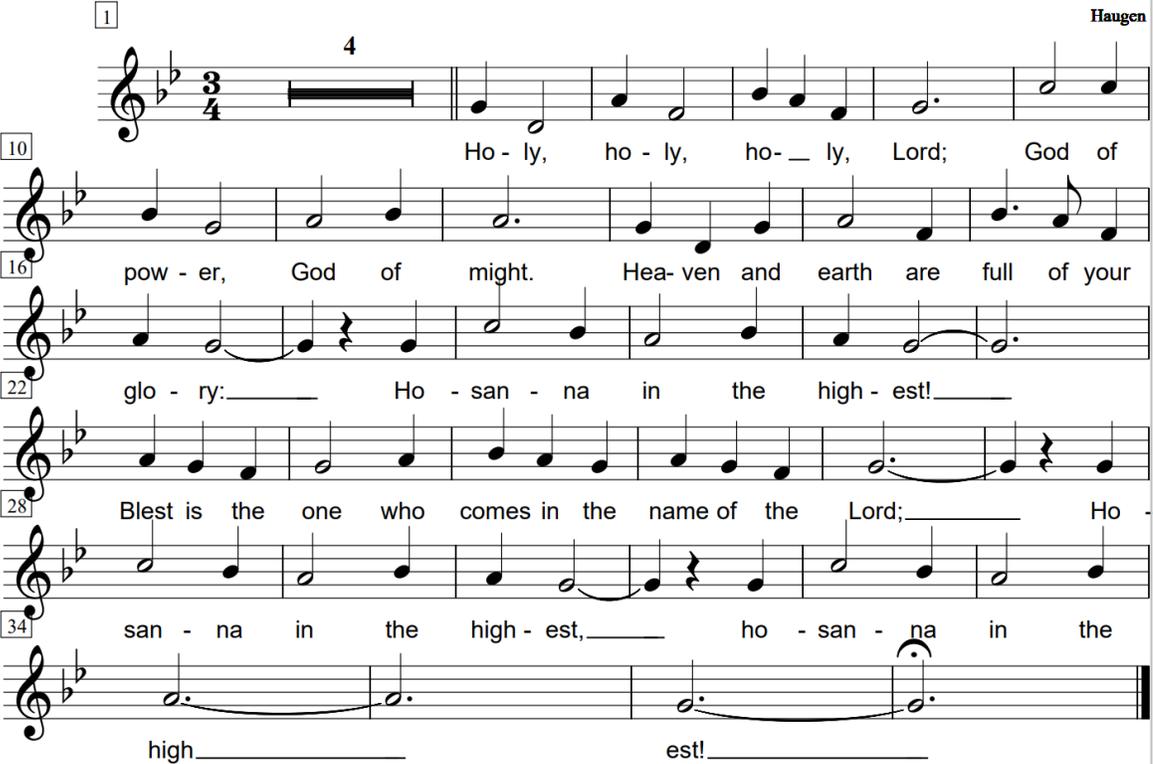
All who are present are invited to come forward at the appointed time to receive communion. Old, young, single, married, partnered, divorced, LGBTQ+, with hair (of any colors) or lack thereof, number of piercings. At this point we are only distributing the bread, the host, the Body of Christ. We look forward to a time when we can return to receiving the blessed chalice of wine as well.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Creation Mass - Sanctus

Haugen



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10 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord; God of

16 pow - er, God of might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your

22 glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the high - est!

28 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho -

34 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the

high est!

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Lord Jesus Christ taught us we are bold to say:

All:

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 Fraction Acclamation

Officiant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

The Communion

Communion hymn I Love You Lord

musical score for the hymn "I Love You Lord". The score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff starts with the lyrics "wor - ship You, O my soul, re - joice! Take joy, my King, ___". The second staff starts with measure 10 and includes the lyrics "in ___ what You hear: ___ May it be a". The third staff starts with measure 13 and includes the lyrics "sweet, sweet ___ sound in ___ Your ear. ___". Chord symbols are provided above the notes: Gm/F, F, F^{sus}/G, F/A, B^b, F/A, Gm¹¹, C, Dm/C, C⁷, F, B^b/F, and F.

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The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: Almighty and ever-loving God, we know we are the body of Christ in this world and commissioned to do your work.

With your guidance, help us to grow Grace Church in ways we cannot now imagine.

In your compassion, Lord, help us to be open to all possibilities,

In your love, Lord, help us to accept those things that we need to change, and not limit ourselves in moving forward.

In your wisdom, Lord, please show us the way to go as we become your hands, your heart, and your voice in the world.

This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen

In place of a blessing, this Prayer over the People:

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn **I sing the almighty power of God** H398

Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Postlude - Prelude and Fugue in G Major, Bach

Announcements

Compline

Tuesdays, 7pm via zoom. Bring your prayers.

Relief for Ukraine

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For more information, here is the link to the press release.

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-resources/press-releases/2022-press-releases/supporting-humanitarian-response-to-the-crisis-in-ukraine/>

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 14th, 7pm, VIRTUAL ONLY

Good Friday, April 15, 12 noon In Person & 7pm Virtual services

Easter Sunday, April 17, 9:30, Hybrid service



EASTER FLOWERS – see insert

COVID guidelines starting 4.1.2022

<https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/march-7-covid-19-update-bishops-requirements-guidelines-effective-april-1-2022>

COVID-19 update: Bishops' requirements & guidelines effective April 1, 2022.

Recognizing that Massachusetts is a national leader in vaccine acceptance, and in light of recent positive progress on COVID-19 indicators, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has updated its guidance on safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has also issued a new statement on the use of masks.

In line with this new guidance, it is our hope that less restrictive practices for church services and events may be put into effect in time for Holy Week and Easter. At the same time, the Diocese firmly supports local leadership and the judgment calls. Effective April 1, 2022:

- Social distancing will not be required.
- Masks will be **optional** when the local percent positivity testing, infection and hospitalization rates are low.

The CDC advises that a fully vaccinated person should wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home) if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease or is unvaccinated. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

Carrying an approved mask at all times and respecting personal choices:

Community members should continue to carry a well-fitting KN95, KF94, N95 or disposable/surgical mask at all times in case a situation arises where a mask is required (such as a host's preference at a meeting or other situation listed above). We also encourage all to wear a mask whenever you choose to do so and for any reason (including personal and community protection against seasonal flu and colds).

For individuals who are not fully vaccinated, it is important that you continue to wear a face covering or mask to help prevent you from spreading COVID-19 to other people.

This personal choice should be respected. As with vaccination status, no one should ask another individual about their personal choice to wear a mask.

Communion procedures will not change and at this time, we will not have coffee hour.

The Vestry appreciates everyone's flexibility, thoughtfulness and respect of one another. We strive to keep everyone safe.