



# CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.  
During the service, please feel free to stand or kneel as you are able.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT March 21, 2021

10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – live streamed

### The Word of God

**Prelude:** *Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days* Kathleen Wissinger

**Opening Acclamation** *standing*  
*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures forever. Amen.**

**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.**

**Hymn 439** *What wondrous love is this* Wondrous Love

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!*  
*What wondrous love is this, O my soul!*  
*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss*  
*to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,*  
*to lay aside his crown for my soul!*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,*  
*to God and to the Lamb I will sing.*  
*To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM*  
*while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,*  
*while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,*  
*and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.*  
*And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be,*  
*and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,*  
*and through eternity I'll sing on!*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### The 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.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34** *sitting (see readings on last page)*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel:** *standing*  
*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**  
**John 12:20-33**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** Robin Teasley

**Hymn 473** *Lift high the cross* Crucifer

*Refrain: Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim*  
*till all the world adore his sacred Name.*

*Led on their way by this triumphant sign,*  
*the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (Refrain)*

*Each newborn servant of the Crucified*  
*bears on the brow the seal of him who died. (Refrain)*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:*  
*praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)*

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### 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: 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 *standing or kneeling*

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the whole Church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we remember: Mark, Mary Villeponteaux, Mary & Emma Carsley, Jeff & Toni Clark and Nick & Rebecca Clayson.

Wash us through and through,  
**And cleanse us from our sin.**

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge.

Purge us from our sin,  
**And we shall be pure.**

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head.

Make them hear of joy and gladness,  
**that those who are broken may rejoice.**

We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially for Dale Bateman, Daniel, Katie, and Thomas Clark, John Haman, Sharon Plymire, Tasha Rempfer, Lilly Rudd, Mark Sheffield, Ted Simpson and Elaine Yeatts. *pause*

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

In this season of Lent we pray that we might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within us.**

We pray for those who have died, and have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace.

Cast them not away from your presence,  
**and take not your Holy Spirit from them.**

Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples that 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; as we prepare our hearts to remember your death and resurrection, grant us the strength and wisdom to serve and follow you, this day and always. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(pause)*

**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.**

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.**

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

### Greeting and Announcements

### Offertory Sentence

*Please remember while we are closed for in person services, you may mail your offering to the church office, or give online through your bank or our website.*

### The Holy Communion

#### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 say 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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered

himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

We pray together with those who are unable to receive communion.

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love, you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though not everyone can consume these gifts of bread and wine with us today, we thank you that we have received Christ’s presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ’s passion and resurrection. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your love, be renewed for your service, and be reflections of the awakened and risen Lord. Amen.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *standing*  
Let us pray.

**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.**

### Blessing & Dismissal

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

**Postlude:** *On “What wondrous love”*

*If you would like to receive reserved sacrament, please contact the church office or Rev. Robin.*

Lay Reader: 10:00 Jim Hunter  
Audio/Visual: Lee Adams, Bill Miller  
Christ and Grace Bell Choir: Tim Richardson, Director

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, visit our website where you will also find links to our YouTube channels. You may also email us and we will be in touch. We are glad you are here.

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### **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.

### **John 12:20-33**

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.