

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Reading 1: Hebrews 5: 5 - 10**

**Gospel: John 12: 20 - 33**

*We enter into God's presence to give Him praise.*

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**Acclamation**

You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power.

For you have created all things,  
and by your will they have their being.

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever.      Amen.

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

**Psalm: 51: 1 - 13**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- <sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.

**Song:** ([click link](#))

### **Invitation to Confession:**

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

### **Confession:**

Almighty God,  
long-suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you,  
I confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your  
commandments,  
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others,  
and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Absolution:**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins  
and restore us in His image  
to the praise and glory of His name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be the Lord  
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;  
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
and in our song will we praise our God.

**Reading 1: Hebrews 5: 5 - 10**

So also 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’;

<sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup> and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel: John 12: 20 – 33**

### **Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus**

<sup>20</sup> Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ <sup>22</sup> Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

### **Jesus Speaks about His Death**

<sup>27</sup> ‘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. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people<sup>[e]</sup> to myself.’ <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*This is the gospel of the Lord. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

**Talk:** (click link) [https://youtu.be/w\\_TFLRxlcVM](https://youtu.be/w_TFLRxlcVM)

*Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.*

## The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.  
For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ...  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church,  
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those preparing for baptism [and confirmation] ...  
and for their teachers and sponsors,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world ...  
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow  
among nations and peoples,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer ...  
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;  
that they may be relieved and protected,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness ...  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father,  
in your love and goodness  
you have taught us to come close to you in penitence  
with prayer, fasting and generosity;  
accept our Lenten discipline,  
and when we fall by our weakness,  
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

***Silence is kept.***

For yours is the majesty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Collect:**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son out of love for the world:

lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Silence is kept.***

**Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever.        Amen.

**Song:** (click link)    *Sing of the Lords Goodness* <https://youtu.be/SGE6ZOumLQM>

Prayer:

In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father,  
to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.        Amen

**Blessing:**

.....and the blessing of God almighty;  
Father Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us, and remain with us  
and all those whom we love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

*As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee  
and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.*

*Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.*