

# Order of Service: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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**Prelude** *O wie selig seid ihr doch ihr Fromen*

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## A Penitential Order

*Celebrant* Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

## Invitation to Confession

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these."

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Confession and Absolution *(Please remain muted and join in praying together)*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Hymn** *By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered*

Le Cénacle

*(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)*



1 By gra - cious powers so won - der - ful - ly  
2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor -  
3 And when this cup you give is filled to  
4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you



shel - tered, and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what  
ment - ed, still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to  
brim - ming with bit - ter suf - fering, hard to un - der -  
give us the joy — we had, the bright - ness of your



may, we know that God is with us night and  
bear; O give our fright - ened souls the sure sal -  
stand, we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out  
Sun, we shall re - mem - ber all the days we



morn - ing, and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
va - tion, for which, — O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.  
trem - bling, out of — so good and so be - loved a hand.  
lived through, and our — whole life shall then be yours a - lone.

**Collect of the Day** *(people muted)*

*Celebrant* God 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.**

**A Reading** *Jeremiah 31:31-34 (people muted)*

A reading from the Book of 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.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** *Be Merciful, O Lord*

Charles L. Abing  
Becky Hasquet, Soloist

*Psalm 51:1-13*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 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 judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

**A Reading** *Hebrews 5:5-10 (people muted)*

A reading from the Epistle 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.

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**Anthem** *Kyrie (from Requiem)*

Maurice Duruflé

Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

Lord have mercy,  
Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy.

**The Gospel** *John 12:20-33 (people muted)*

*Celebrant* 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** *(people muted)*

The Rev. Peter Huang

*Silence follows the sermon.*

**Music** *Out of the Depths I Cry to You, O Lord*

Charles Callahan, ASCAP  
George Bullock (Cello) & Dr. Gukhui Han (Piano)

**Nicene Creed** *(Please remain muted and join in praying together)*

**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,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**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,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who 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.**

**Anthem** *Agnus Dei*

Georges Bizet  
Blair Webb, Soloist

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the  
world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the  
world, grant us peace.

**Prayers of the People** *(Please remain muted and join in praying together)*

Let us pray to God, who leads the lost and calls sinners home.

We pray for creation, that the damage done to land, water, and sky may cease and the Spirit renew the earth. Pray for creation.

*(Please offer your prayers for creation.)*

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for the world, that all may be safe from oppression, discrimination, famine, and war. Pray for the world.

*(Please offer your prayers for the world.)*

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for the Church, that it may reconcile the wounded, gather wanderers, and guide pilgrims to You. Pray for the Church.

*(Please offer your prayers for the Church.)*

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for St. Luke's, that we will be an example of stewardship, justice, mercy, and love. Pray for this church.

*(Please offer your prayers for the parish.)*

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for those whose souls thirst for You in the watches of the night, that You will keep them safe in the shadow of your wings. Pray for those who suffer.

*(Please offer your prayers for those who suffer.)*

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may rest in You; and for those who mourn, that You will caress their hearts with compassion. Pray for the departed and those who mourn.

*(Please offer your prayers for the dead and those who mourn.)*

Return to the Lord, **Who leads us home.**

*Presider* Gracious God, we have wandered far from Your presence; lead us back through the wilderness, that we may return to You and make Your heart our home. **Amen.**

## Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

## Offertory Anthem *Oh, Savior of the world*

Sir John Goss

O Saviour of the world,  
Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us,  
Save us, and help us,

O Saviour of the world,  
O Saviour, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood has redeemed us,  
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

## Video – *Fill the land*

The Work of the People

## Litany of Commitment *(Please unmute yourself to join in the responses.)*

This Lent, how might you commit to opening yourself to the life-transforming love of God?

As we live into Lent in the midst of our pandemic wilderness world, God's invitation is for us to experience the life-transforming love of God. How might we open our hands, eyes, ears, hearts, and lives to God whose Kingdom has come near?

God, as you placed the rainbow in the sky you declared: "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations." You pledged to protect us and all creation for all time.

May we trust in your presence and promise. **We commit to seeking your Kingdom.**

God, as you made your covenant with Abraham and Sarah, you declared: "I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you." You pledged to make our lives abundant as we follow you.

May we trust in your presence and promise. **We commit to seeking your Kingdom.**

God, as you brought your people out of slavery in Egypt, you challenged us to live faithfully loving you, our neighbors, and ourselves. You pledged your love and faithfulness to us.

May we trust in your presence and promise. **We commit to seeking your Kingdom.**

God, as we wandered in the wilderness straying from your ways, you called us back to you giving us our daily bread and forgiving our sins. You pledged your mercy and grace to us even when we turn from you.

May we trust in your presence and promise. **We commit to seeking your Kingdom.**

God, as you sent your prophets to call us back to the covenant, you promise to put your law within us, and write it on our hearts. You pledged to be our God, and claim us as your people.

May we trust in your presence and promise. **We commit to seeking your Kingdom.**

**Lord's Prayer** *(Please unmute and join in praying together)*

**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.**

**Anthem** *Be Not Afraid*

Arr. Jack Schrader  
Blair Webb, Soloist

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all.

Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,  
Blessed, blessed are you!

Be not afraid. I go before you always,  
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

## **Special prayers, celebrations, and birthdays**

### **The Blessing**

Bow down before the Lord.

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. And, the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude** *God will take care of you*

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

Dr. Gukhui Han