**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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**Lent 5**

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**Prelude: “Danse Lente” … Cesar Franck**

Call to Worship: Choir will sing the verse, the congregation will join on the refrain.

**Christ Be our light!**

**Shine in our hearts,**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

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| *Celebrant* | Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. |
| ***People*** | **His mercy endures for ever.** |

Reading in lieu of Song: **Matthew 5:3-12**

In lieu of our examination of conscience, today we will be questioned by God’s Word according to the Beatitudes.

C: Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

*(Silence)*

All: **Forgive us for becoming too attached to all things we possess; for holding too tightly to our own views and ideas.**

C: Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage.

All: **Forgive us for our lack of understanding or lack of trying to understand all those who do not think as we do.**

*(Silence)*

C: Happy are those who know what sorrow means for they shall be given courage to console and comfort.

*(Silence)*

All: **Forgive us if we have ever refused to console those who are in trouble, those who need our support and those who are lonely.**

Leader: Happy are those who hunger and thirst for goodness, for they will be fully satisfied.

*(Silence)*

All: **Forgive us for being severe in our judgment of others, for being closed to those who want and need to talk to us, to those against whom we are prejudiced.**

Leader: Happy are the merciful, for they will have mercy shown them.

*(Silence)*

All: **Forgive us even if we have refused to forgive and forget, if we have acted in bitterness.**

Leader: Happy are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

*(Silence)*

All: **Forgive us for loving you less than we love ourselves and our friends or spending too little time with you in prayer.**

*(Silence)*

Leader: Forgive us our disputes and our quarrels, for being so closed in ourselves that we miss the opportunity of known one another. Forgive us for being part of the problem, and guide us to being part of the solution, and all to your glory.

All: **Dear Heavenly father, we hear the painful and broken prayer of Christ, your son: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. In this prayer, your infinite goodness reaches out to our human frailty. Your Son has become man to speak this word to us. From an attitude of total forgiveness comes happiness, peace, and quite understanding. Help us all to find this path to inner peace. Amen**

**Psalm 51**

**All: Have mercy on us, O God according to your steadfast love;**

**According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.**

**Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity,**

**and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Create in us a clean heart, O God**

**and put a new and right spirit within us.**

**Cast us not away from your presence,**

**And take not your holy spirit from us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation,**

**And uphold us with a willing spirit.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Prayer of Confession

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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.*

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| Lord, have mercy. |  |  |
| ***Christ, have mercy.*** |
| Lord, have mercy. |  |  |

**The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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|  | 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 peace 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**

Old Testament**: Isaiah 43:16-21**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: **Psalm 126** *The congregation will respond after the asterisk (\*).*

1 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.**

### Epistle: **Philippians 3:4b-14**

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|  | The Word of the Lord. |
| *People* | **Thanks be to God.** |

Gospel Hymn: **#398 - I sing the almighty power of God vs 1 & 2**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel:** John 12:1-8

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|  | The Gospel of the Lord. |
| *People* | **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** |
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**Hymn #398 – I sing the almighty power of God vs 3**

**The Homily**

**The Nicene Creed page 358. BCP**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Priest: Our Lord receive Mary’s offering. Let us come before God our Father and offer our prayers for the world, knowing that he will hear us for Jesus’ sake.

Gracious heavenly Father, we offer you our thanks, praise and love through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave himself for us. Thank you for your holy church which you sustain with your powerful, life giving word. Bless your church throughout the world that all your people may celebrate the coming days of holy week with true faith and devotion.

Lord in your mercy;

**Hear our prayer**

Priest: Heavenly Father, Mary honoured the Lord with her gift of perfume. May we honour you with our lives by honouring all who are in need; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

**The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

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|  | The peace of the Lord be always with you. |
| *People* | **And also with you.** |

*Then the Ministers & People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Announcements - Birthdays & Anniversaries

This week – love offering and potluck.

* Easter Sunday – 1 service at 09:00 am, followed by potluck brunch.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Offertory: Hymn #487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Offering

**The Holy Communion**

Eucharistic Prayer A*. page # 361*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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|  | 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.**  **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**  **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  **Hosana in the highest.**  **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  **Hosana in the highest.**  **OR**  **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**  **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**  **Heaven and earth are full – full of your glory.**  **Hosana in the highest.**  **Hosana in the highest.**  **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  **Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.** |
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Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord’s Prayer (sung)

People and Celebrant

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

Communion hymn: **Spirit Song -** insert

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately  
deliver it to the people.*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Prayer of Thanksgiving - Page #365 BCP

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Jesus Christ,

and you have feed us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,

And great us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Benediction**

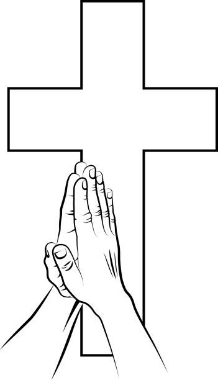
Life is short, and we do not have to much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so let us be swift to love, quick to forgive, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God the father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and bring you peace.

**Recessional Hymn: #475 “God himself is with us”**

**Dismissal:**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Prayer of Healing and Wellness:**

***Parishioners:***The Bustle’s, Kathryn Stevenson, Karen Moore, Priscilla Martin, Marilyn Wolter, Jodey Porter, Bill Gill, Bill Speer, Lynda Priepot, Steve Ives, Barbara Renney, Mary Jane Daggett, Ora Mae James and Fr. Glen.

***Family and Friends:*** Brand Ramsey (family friend of The Reynolds), Charlotte (daughter of Holly Quillian), Robert Johnson (son of Lynda Priepot), Betsy Ramsey and Mary and Jack Hertenstein (friends of The Reynolds), Dick Stagner (brother in law of Louise Silvanic), Steve Gillespie (nephew of Gail Cascella), Nicola Moxey (daughter of Christine Pratley), Taryon Degon (granddaughter of Jan Ciancarelli), Carol Johnson’s sister, Christine Booth (Fr. Glen’s sister), Karen Perdue (Gail Cascella’s niece), Kevin-Ford family (family of The Ford’s), Paul Ciancarelli (Jan’s son), Art Sounia (friend of Doreen Colket) and Juliet Clarke (granddaughter of Pratley’s), Joe Fairchild (friend of the Cooley’s), Melanie Moran (friend of Christine) and Emily Ann Norris (family of Linney Reynolds), Marge Schrauth (friend of Fr. Glen), Dan Bryan (brother-in-law of Bob Cabnet), Maxwell Kappel (grandson of The Martin’s), Maxon McNeil (friend of the Shorts), Jayme and Jeremy (family of Cooley’s), and Kathy Harlow (sister of Doreen Colket), John Heath (friend of Jane Bryant), Ron Bernot (Neighbor of Dinny Sayre), Jordan Skeard (nephew of Alice and George Short), Rev. Jane Allen (Short’s priest in Newfoundland), Rev. Sister Elizabeth (George Short Colleague), Elleh Kearley (sister of George and Alice Short), George Silvanic (Louise’s grandson), Wally Skeard (brother in law to George & Alice Short), Wall, Elisa Hughes, Dr. Greg Gutowski (Priscilla Martin), Steve Harlow (brother-in-law of Doreen Colket), Karen Fitzgerald (cousin of Doreen Colket), Beth Hunt (niece of Beverly Hunt), Dan Burkhart (neighbor of George & Alice Short), Evelyn Smith and daughter Michelle (friends of George & Alice Short), Leo Uribe (dear friend of The Reynolds), Steve Tucker & wife, Debbie (friends of the Cooley’s), The Pruiksmas (friends of the Cooley’s), Dallas Eugene (Gene) Jarvis (friends George & Alice Short), Evelyn Blackmore (niece of George & Alice Short).

***Prayers for Safety and Service****:*

Ben Richardson (son of Christine Pratley), Alexander Moxey (grandson of Christine), George Phillip Silvanic (Louise Silvanic’s grandson), Jody Cooley (son of Bill and Donna Cooley), and Logan Valenti (grandson of Nancy Valenti).

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| **6**  **Worship Services**  7:45am Service  10:00am English  12 Noon Spanish  **Love Offering**  **Pot Luck** | **7** | **8**  **Food Pantry** 9 – 11 am  **Vestry Meeting 2:30** | **9**  **Prayer Service & Bible Study 09:30 am** | **10** | **11** | **12**  **Café Rolle**  9 am – 11 am  **Thrift Shop**  9 am – 12 pm  **Steve Ford** |
| **13**  7:45am Service  10:00am English  12 Noon Spanish | **14** | **15** | **16** | **17**  **4:00pm** Eng Service  **6:00pm** Spanish Service | **18**  **12:00pm** Eng Service  **6:00pm** Spanish Service  **Kathryn Stevenson** | **19**  **Café Rolle**  9 am – 11 am  **Thrift Shop**  9 am – 12 pm |

**APRIL 2025**



Easter Sunday (English) Services will be combined.

Service at 09:00 am followed by Pot Luck Brunch.

Easter Sunday (Spanish) Service at 12:00 pm with

First Holy Communion & Celebration to follow.