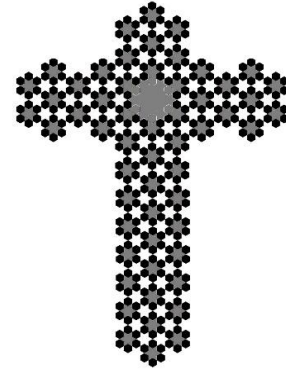


# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

**A gentle Reminder:** Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.



# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please remain seated.*

## ACCLAMATION

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endureth for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*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.  
*All* **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*Lector* *The First Reading is taken from Jeremiah chapter 31...*

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **PSALM 51:1-13**

*Lector* *We will read responsively from Psalm 51...*

*Lector* Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

*People* **Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.**

*Lector* For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

*People* **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

*Lector* And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment.

*People* **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.**

*Lector* For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

*People* **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

*Lector* Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

*People* **Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.**

*Lector* Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

*People* **Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

*Lector* Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

### **THE SECOND READING**

Hebrews 5:5-10

*Lector* *The Second Reading is taken from Hebrews chapter 5...*

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.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

John 12:20-33

*Please stand.*

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Deacon*        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.

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Cameron Nations  
Rector of St. Richard’s Episcopal Church in Round Rock, TX

**NICENE CREED** *Please stand.*

*People* 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**

*Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Deacon* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Lector* Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers,  
and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity receive these our prayers which  
we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal  
Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do  
confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and  
godly love. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding  
Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; Whitney, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; to our  
companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our  
Diocese; Diocesan House, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center and St. Thomas  
Chapel; St. Anselm's Chapel, University of South Florida Chapel Center; Florida Gulf  
Coast University, Ft. Myers; Episcopal College Chaplaincies: College of Florida  
Chaplaincy, Bradenton, and Clergy spouses and widows of the Diocese of Southwest

Florida; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our elected leaders, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*Add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [*Leave time...*] God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Isabelle Schueler, Maggie Burton Smith, and Wayne Morris. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,

*People* **We pray to you.**

*Lector* Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*People* **AMEN.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Please kneel or stand.*

*Deacon* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God,

*People* **We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Please be seated.*

### PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*Deacon* As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge

*People* **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Celebrant says a proper preface*

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



*People* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel or stand, as you choose.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

*Celebrant and People* **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

*Celebrant* By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People* **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People* **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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.*

*If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

## **COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*Please stand.*

*Celebrant announces the blessing.*

*People* **Amen.**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## **VOLUNTARY**

### SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Preacher	The Rev. Cameron Nations
Organist	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Chalicer	Tony Bowman
Lector	Barbara Groff
Prayers of the People	Tony Bowman
Ushers	Joe & Betty Lombardo

#### **Prayers are requested for:**

**The Week of Mar 10** – Charlie W, Butch N, Mike T, Gene B, Gerry B, Marc W, Pedro G, Tillie S, Maria M, Seamus, Margaret B, Jene, Dylan E, Ruthe F, Leslie H, Christopher J, Marc J, Bonnie L, Lou F, Heather S, Gloria L, Colette S, Milly L, Bob S, Olena & family, People of Ukraine, Marylynne J, Becket D, Heather F, Maggie, Scott, Sam, Jim, Richard, Kipling, Jackie, Lou W, Jodie H, Juliet, Bill GW.

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Isabelle Schueler, Maggie Burton Smith, and Wayne Morris.

## Announcements

**Our Guest Preacher today:** The Rev. Cameron Nations is the Rector of St. Richard's Episcopal Church in Round Rock, Texas. He has also served at St. Luke's in Birmingham, AL and All Saint's in Winter Park, FL. A self-described "Anglo-Catholic-Bapti-Palian," Father Cameron loves the way that the Episcopal Church brings together the richness of the Christian Tradition, the wonder of the Sacraments, and the fullness of the Reformation. It's a little bit Catholic, a little bit Protestant, and a little bit rock 'n roll. We are honored to welcome Fr. Cameron, his wife Carly, and their daughter, Cece to Good Shepherd.

**Easter Flowers & Music Donations:** Donations for flower and music dedications are due by tomorrow, March 18. To donate, please either fill out an envelope located in the front or rear of the church on Sundays, or see the link on the COGS website. Suggested minimum donation - \$25.00.

**Bagzilla collections this week for:** Dunedin Cares Inc. Food Pantry. Please place donation items in tubs for collection.

**Prayer Vigil: The Gethsemane Watch** Thurs, 3/28 through Fri, 3/29, 2024

Beginning the evening of Maundy Thursday and continuing overnight into Good Friday morning, COGS will host a prayer vigil to “keep watch” with Christ. Individuals and families are encouraged to sign up for a 1-hour time slot from 8 PM to 8 AM. Contact Cheryl Sharpe directly or use our sign up form found here: <https://www.cogsdunedin.com/prayer-vigil>

**Fish Fry Fundraiser:** COGS will hold a Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, April 12 from 5:00PM – 8:00PM. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased after Sunday services or through Realm.

**Brown Bag Theology Class:** Rev. Whitney will host a lunchtime study & discussion on Wednesdays in Lent through March 20 at 11:30 AM. Bring your own lunch; our Lenten topic will be a lectionary Bible study.

**The Way of Love – Lenten Study with Soup Supper:** Wednesdays in Lent through March 20 at 6 PM.

**COGS Holy Week Services:**

Sunday, March 24 @ 8 AM & 10 AM - Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28 @ 6:30 PM – Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29 @ NOON & 6:30 PM – Good Friday

Saturday, March 30 @ 6:30 PM – Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31 @ 8 AM & 10 AM – Easter Sunday