THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025 8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite I





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Services: Sunday at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM Our Sunday 10:00 AM service is livestreamed

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.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Please stand.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People His mercy endureth for ever.

THE DECALOGUE

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Celebrant God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of

the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but

me.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is

in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt

not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Honor thy father and thy mother.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt do no murder.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not steal.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Thou shalt not covet.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we

beseech thee.

Celebrant 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 is faithful

and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all

unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Please kneel or stand.

Celebrant 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 The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and

remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of

life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One.

All Have mercy upon us.

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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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Lector The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 43...

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

PSALM 126

Lector We will read responsively from Psalm 126...

Lector When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

People Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Lector Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

People The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

Lector Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.

People Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Lector Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering

their sheaves.

Lector The Second Reading is taken from Philippians chapter 3....

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

THE GOSPEL John 12:1-8

Please stand.

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Celebrant Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Kathleen Walter

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.

Celebrant Let us pray, remembering that our penitence is never disconnected from our

gratitude, and that in our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we create a space for the abundant presence of God, responding to the cry of prayer with "Kyrie eleison."

Lector For the church, that it may welcome those with heavy hearts, offer the prayers of

thanksgiving that become our daily bread, forgive all those who enter, and repent of

its own injustices, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison.

Lector For all those in authority and all the nations of the world, that our lust for power may

be left at the foot of the cross, rendering our own plans as ash in light of the abundant God who showers joy and thanksgiving on all of creation, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison.

Lector For the good of the whole world, for the flourishing of those in need, for the wealthy to give away more and live with less, for generosity of love to be present in all of God's people, that the whole world would turn toward gratitude and away from

scarcity, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison.

Lector For those around us, that in this season of dying to ourselves, we might also die to

one another, loving those around us more fervently, loving friend and stranger out of

the heart of thanksgiving we find in our confession, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison.

Lector For all suffering, for humankind and all of creation, for illness, for the sin-sickness from which only God can give us rest, and for those on our prayer list and those we

name aloud or in our hearts (pause) that we may be called during this season of devotion into caring for the suffering around us and inside of ourselves, with

gratitude that God is with us in all of it, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison.

Lector For all who have died in hope of the resurrection, and those we name aloud or in our

hearts (pause) who join with us as we wait for resurrection this season, and for all the saints who have modeled perseverance for us as we become pilgrims in the wilderness, journeying toward the cross with gratitude as the light for our path, we

pray:

People Kyrie eleison.

Lector For the reminder of your steadfastness that we receive when we are thankful, when

we survey the riches of your grace, when we give thanks especially for the birthdays this coming week of Peter Tardif, Dave Mitchell, Joe Lombardo, Tammi Wrest, Stephanie Sarkis, Mary Ann Wigmore and for the anniversaries of Mary and Jim Ratliff, Mary and Bill Lasko, and when we count the blessings we now name, either

aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... (pause) In our gratitude, we pray:

People Kyrie eleison.

Celebrant God of all mercy, we thank you that you hear our cries for forgiveness, for abundant

life, for comfort in death, for resurrection into eternal life. May we bless the Lord, not forgetting all his benefits, his forgiveness of our iniquities, his healing all our diseases, the God who redeems us from the pit, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies us with good. Send us, we pray, into the world to love others out of gratitude for God's love for us, that we may follow in Christ's

commandment to love God and love one another.

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.

THE PRESENTATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

CelebrantPeopleCelebrantCelebrantThe Lord be with you.And with thy spirit.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.

People 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.

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;

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,

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

Jesu, Priceless Treasure

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Le

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.

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

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

arr. Michael Burkhardt

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant The Rev. Kathleen Walter

Organist Tom Huffman Crucifer/Chalicist Cheryl Sharpe

Lector Barbara Groff

Prayers of the People Cheryl Sharpe

Ushers Mary and Bill Lasko

Prayers are requested for: Judith & Nels A, Helen Marie, Maureen B, Ryan S and Family, Gerry B, Billy G, Michelle and Family, Rhiannon S, Mandeville P, Mavis S, Milly L, Lynda & Tim E, John R, Ally F, Jacob George M, Christopher W, Cathy H

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Peter Tardif, Dave Mitchell, Joe Lombardo, Tammi Wrest, Stephanie Sarkis, Mary Ann Wigmore **Anniversaries** – Mary and Jim Ratliff, Mary and Bill Lasko

^{*} During Lent prayer requests will not be read aloud due to the change in liturgy for the season.

All prayer requests will be printed as usual.

Announcements

Discretionary Fund Sunday – Today all loose plate offering will be designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund to help those in our parish and our community who need help meeting their utility bills. Checks may be designated "Discretionary Fund". Please give generously to help those in our community.

History Committee - Representatives from the History Committee will be in Kirk Hall following both services today with a number of photos that need identification. Please stop by and help us learn more about them.. Thank you!

Parish Game Night – RSVP for a light supper and bring your favorite board/card game and your favorite beverage for an evening of fun and fellowship on April 11 at 6pm in the Patio Room.

Easter Flowers & Music - Donations are now being accepted toward music and flowers for our Easter services. To donate, please either fill out an envelope located in the church or complete the online form. Please clearly print if your donation is given in memory or in honor of loved ones. The deadline for receiving reservations and monetary donations in the church office or collection plate is Sunday, April 6, 2025. A minimum donation of \$25 is requested.

Spring Formation – Join us during Lent for continued learning and exploration of our faith at our various formation opportunities: Sunday Adult Bible Study, Children's Sunday School, Mindful Mondays, Monday Lenten Study, Wednesday Bible Study, Book Club, Youth Group. See the formation flyers, website and newsletter for details.

Episcopal Relief & Development Collection – During Lent we will be collecting offerings for Episcopal Relief & Development until Good Friday. You may collect change in an ER&D box or checks may be marked ER&D. You may also give online or by mail.

Holy Week Services

April 13, Palm Sunday, 8 AM & 10 AM*

April 16, Holy Wednesday, No Wednesday Worship Service

April 17, Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM*, Service including Foot Washing and Stripping of Altar

April 17, The Gethsemane Watch 8 PM – 8 AM, Prayer Vigil

April 18, Good Friday, 12 PM Traditional Worship, 6:30 PM* Tenebrae Service

April 19, Easter Vigil, 6:30 PM, Service followed by celebratory reception

April 20, Easter Sunday, 8 AM & 10 AM*

April 20, Easter Egg Hunt, 11:30 AM on the playground

* Livestreamed services