St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Brunswick, Maine

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

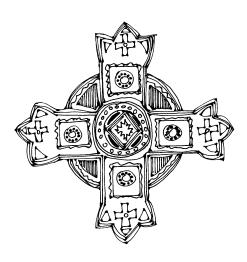
March 17, 2024

8:00 a.m. Quiet Eucharist in the Nave* 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Eucharist in the Great Hall and on Zoom 10:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist in the Nave*

*Live-streamed on www.stpaulsmaine.org

Welcome to St. Paul's!

We are so glad that you have chosen to worship here today.



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HOLY EUCHARIST 10:30 A.M.

If you find yourself in physical discomfort when standing, especially for extended periods, please feel free to be seated at any time. If kneeling is difficult for you, either stand or sit instead.

Prelude Legende Flor Peeters

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND WELCOME

The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague



OPENING SENTENCES

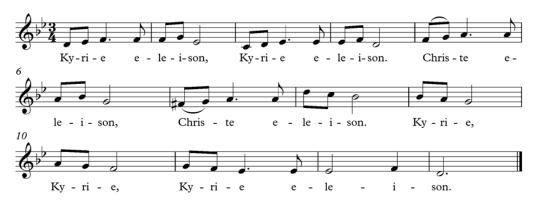
Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

KYRIE (sung)

Book of Common Prayer

Randy L. Day



THE COLLECT

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

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*.

THE LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

Lector: A reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:9-16

(Cantor and Choir will sing verse 1. Congregation will join and sing all remaining verses.) underlined: two syllables to one note, **bold**: two notes to one syllable



9 How shall a young man / cleanse his / way? * By / keep-ing to your / words.

10 With my whole / heart I / seek you; * let me not / stray from your com- / mandments.

11 I treasure your promise / in my / heart, * that I / may not sin a- / gainst you.

12 Blessed are / you, O / LORD; * in- / struct me in your / statutes.

13 With my lips will / I re- / cite * all the / judg-ments of your / mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the / way of your de- / crees * than in all / man-ner of / riches.

15 I will meditate on / your com- / mandments * and give at- / ten-tion to your / ways.

16 My delight is / in your / statutes; * I will / not for-get your / word.

The Epistle Hebrews 5:5-10 (NRSV)

Lector: A reading from the Letter 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.



Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Roy. F. Kehl (b. 1935).

The Gospel John 12:20-33 (NRSV)

Deacon: 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON Macauley Lord

THE NICENE CREED (led by the Deacon)
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.
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,

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (standing)

The people join in reading together the concluding collect.

COLLECT FOR ST. PAUL'S DISCERNMENT

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

by Myrna Koonce

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being: Send your grace and your mercy upon the whole body of Christ, and so guide the people of St. Paul's in this time of discernment that we may grow ever closer to one another and to You, as we seek a faithful pastor who will join us in our ministries, nourish our hearts and souls, and strengthen us for service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

Deacon and People:

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 Celebrant says:

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*.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS (It has been our custom for generations to bring forth, if possible, offerings of coins in the amount of your age. You may do this online at stpaulsmaine.org)

The people stand and say together.

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, giver of life and love, bless this couple. Grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. And so knit their wills together in your will and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may live together in love and peace all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE (standing)

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

RECEIVING COMMUNION

You may,

- 1. Receive communion in "one kind" consecrated bread only or consecrated wine only. In the Episcopal Church, receiving in one kind is considered full communion. If you would like consecrated gluten-free bread, please place your hands facing down.
- 2. Drink from the common cup.
- 3. Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, "the blood of Christ" but will not distribute the wine.

Please help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. **Please do not dip the wafer into the chalice.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(You may make an electronic contribution to the glory of God and the mission of St. Paul's on our website http://stpaulsmaine.org/giving)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Lord, increase our faith St. Paul's Choir

Music: Henry Loosemore Ed. By John Morehen

(Stand as able as gifts are presented.)

Presentation Hymn From all that dwell below the skies The Hymnal 1982 #380

Tune: Old Hundredth

1 From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!

The Celebrant receives the offerings and lifts them up to God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C (expanded language)

Celebrant: 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 our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Celebrant and People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

Celebrant and People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Celebrant and People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

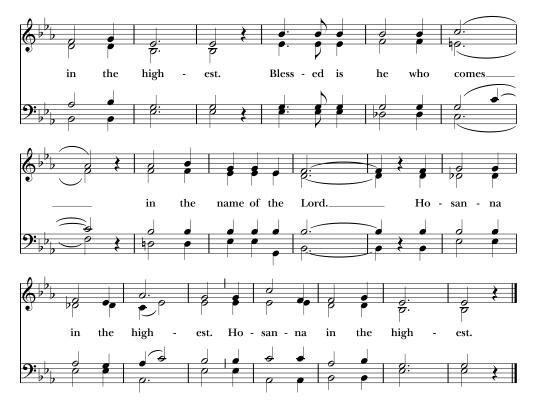
Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

Celebrant and People: By Christ's blood, we are reconciled. By Christ's wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



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The people stand or kneel as able. Then the Celebrant continues

Celebrant: And so, Almighty God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

Celebrant: On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People: We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our holy and righteous fore-bearers; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Celebrant and People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People:

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.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem S-164



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The ushers will guide the people pew by pew to the altar rail. You may kneel or stand to receive the Sacrament. (Gluten Free is available.) Clergy will distribute the consecrated host to each person. Eucharistic Ministers will hold the cup in front of each person saying, 'The Blood of Christ; the Cup of Salvation.' If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms indicating you'd like a blessing instead.

THE INVITATION

Facing the people, the celebrant says the following invitation

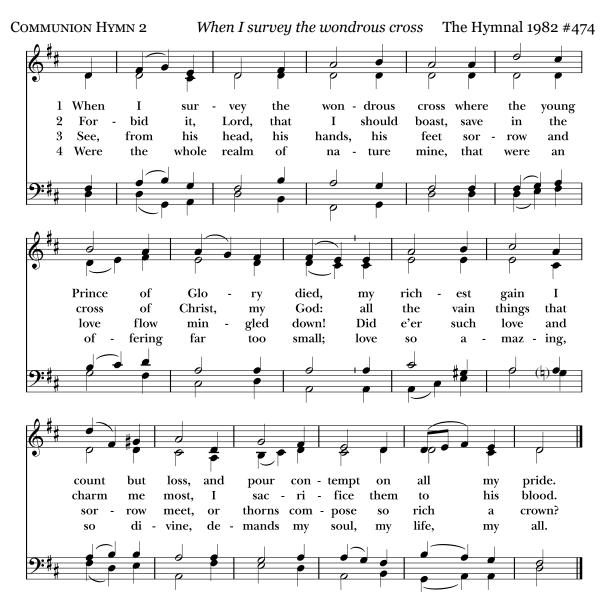
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Welcome to our digital congregation. We invite you to connect with Christ's communion by saying the following prayer.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1970; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807).

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING Celebrant:

Holy eternal Majesty, Holy incarnate Word, Holy abiding Spirit,

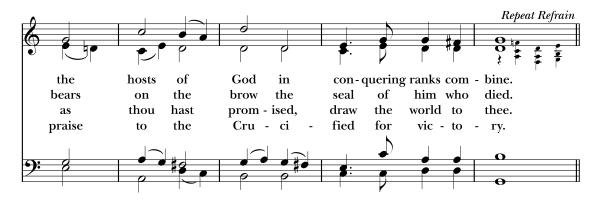
Bless you for evermore. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim The Hymnal 1982 #473 (Vs. 3 & 4)



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DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve Jesus in our neighbors.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fuga (from Sonata II in C)

Felix Mendelssohn

St. Paul's Territory Acknowledgement

(In accordance with Diocese resolution and approved by Vestry in winter/spring '23)

We acknowledge that we stand on territory that was taken from the Abenaki people of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all companions in life. May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native neighbors as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.

Ministries	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague		
PREACHER	Macauley Lord		
DEACON		The Rev. Andree Appel	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Deborah Goodwin Bill Edman	Lois Kwantz Joan Reynolds	
LECTORS	Jean Mulligan OT, Ps Peter Garlid Ep Rebecca McConnaughey Pr	Carol Kalajainen OT Joan Reynolds Ep Larry Kalajainen Pr	
Music		Randy Day and St. Paul's Choir	
GREETERS		Donna and Ralph Thivierge	
Ushers	Dana Baer and Peter Garlid	Sonia Tyler and Phil Studwell	
ACOLYTE	Bill Edman	Cliff Ruprecht	
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Rienert and Julia Walkling		
FELLOWSHIP HOSTS	Nancy Whitehouse		

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The Rev. Andree Appel

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