

St. Paul's, Brunswick
Non Traditional Eucharist
March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Lent

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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 relatives 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 siblings as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.



Opening Song: Create in me (sung two times)

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Create in me a clean heart,
O God, that I might serve you;

Create in me a clean heart,
O God, that I might be renewed.

So fill me and heal me
and bring me back to you.

Create in me a clean heart,
O God, that I might serve you.



Celebrant: God is here!

Response: God is here!

Celebrant: Let us bless God!

Response: Let us bless God!

Celebrant: Glory to you, God, for ever!

Response: Glory to you, God, for ever!

Celebrant: God be with you.

Response: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Collect *from Common Prayer for Children and Families*

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God of mercy and forgiveness, you made us to love you and your creation, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we fall into sin when we choose to do hurtful things; guide us through the forty days of Lent, to come closer to you with prayer, fasting, and giving. Amen.



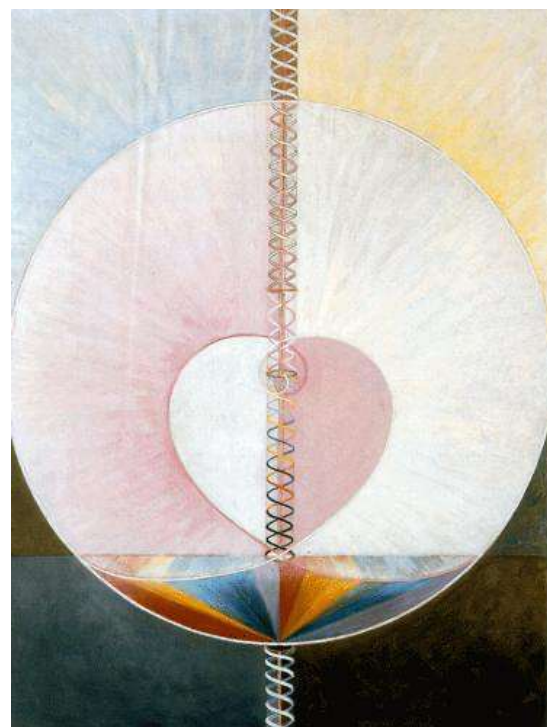
First Reading, Romans 8:6-11 *from Common English Bible*

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Reader (Lector): A reading from the letter to the Romans.

The attitude that comes from selfishness leads to death, but the attitude that comes from the Spirit leads to life and peace. So the attitude that comes from selfishness is hostile to God. It doesn't submit to God's Law, because it can't. People who are self-centered aren't able to please God.

But you aren't self-centered. Instead you are in the Spirit, if in fact God's Spirit lives in you. If anyone doesn't have the Spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. If Christ is in you, the Spirit is your life because of God's righteousness, but the body is dead because of sin. If the Spirit of the one who



raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your human bodies also, through his Spirit that lives in you.

Song: Every time I feel the Spirit *Art: pixabay.com*

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke
Out of Their mouth came fire and smoke
Looked all around me, it looked so fine
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray

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Gospel Reading, John 11:1-45 *from Whirl Story Bible*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The disciples had never seen Jesus cry. But he was crying now. Jesus put his arm around Mary. Her face was wet with tears. Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus, a good friend of Jesus, had died. When Jesus heard Lazarus was sick, he was in another

town far away. Jesus waited two days before traveling to Bethany to see his friend. By the time Jesus and the disciples arrived, Lazarus had died.

“If you had been here,” Mary cried, “Lazarus would not have died.” “Your brother

Lazarus will rise again,” Jesus assured Mary. Mary wiped her tears. Jesus, Mary, and her sister Martha went to the tomb. Friends and neighbors gathered around the tomb to grieve with Mary and Martha. “Remove the



stone,” Jesus said. The

crowd shoved aside the huge stone blocking the tomb. Martha whispered, “But, Jesus, Lazarus has already been dead for four days!” Jesus turned his eyes to God and prayed, “Father, thank you for always hearing me. Help this crowd to see what’s about to happen and BELIEVE!”

“LAZARUS!” Jesus shouted. “COME OUT!” The crowd GASPED. It was Lazarus! WALKING out of the tomb! Lazarus was ALIVE again! Many people who saw this believed in God.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily/ Sharing Time

Prayers Let us pray for the life of the world...

For the things we are thankful for...
 For our loved ones ...
 For those who teach us...
 For those who lead us...
 For the sick and poor...
 For ourselves...



Confession and Absolution

Is there anything you did that you are sorry for? Silently think about it in your mind.

Deacon: Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have been unkind, Lord have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Deacon: Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have forgotten you, Christ have mercy.

ALL: Christ have mercy.

Deacon: Lord God, we ask you to forgive us, Lord have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Prayer For Forgiveness

Celebrant: Holy God, have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, and bring you to eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

Special Blessings/ Prayers (*do you have a birthday/ anniversary/ something special you'd like us to pray for?*)

Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Announcements

- Red Door Sugar Shack, 24 Shellenbarger Road



Offertory Music (*the parade to bring up the elements while collection plate is passed*)

Eucharistic Prayer written by The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God, you are the Creator of the heavens and the earth. You have filled the world with the beauty of oceans and rivers; mountains, granite, apple trees and lupine; moose, deer, chickadees, cats, dogs and lobsters. Thank you for this earth "our island home." You sent Jesus your Son to be one of us. He died to redeem us and all Creation. Jesus rose from the

dead to give us new life and make the world new. That's why we shout out our praise! We shout with the throngs of angels, archangels and with all the heavenly host. We shout our praise together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy LORD,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We bring you bread and wine as our offering. Bless them with your Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus. On the night of his last supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it apart, shared it with his friends, and said, "Take, eat. This bread is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they finished supper, he took the cup of wine. Jesus gave thanks to God and said to his friends, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is poured out for you. It is poured out for all to save us from our sins. Drink this to remember me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Gather us up by this bread and wine and make us the Body of Christ in God's church. Make us new people in Christ's Spirit. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

Our God 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.

Fraction *(break bread)*

Be known to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

We share one bread together.

Invitation Holy Food for Holy People.

Administration of Sacrament The body of Christ, the bread of life!

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

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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.

Thanksgiving (Post Communion Prayer) – Loving God, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing *from Enriching our Worship 1*

Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore. Amen.

Song: I'm Walking With My God Today *Words and Music: Nick Page, 2007*

Art: pexels.com

I'm walking (I'm walking)

With my Father (with my Father)

I'm walking (I'm walking)

With my Mother (with my Mother)

I'm walking (I'm walking)

With the Spirit (with the Spirit)

I'm walking with my God today

(I'm walking with my God today)

**Dismissal**

Leader: Let us go forth in peace in the love of Jesus!

People: Thanks be to God!