



We acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, upholding Scripture as the unchanging Word of God. We seek to be led by the Holy Spirit. We will endeavor to live life in fellowship and service in His name and to lead others into a relationship with Him through Biblical teaching and concern for their lives. We will be a community that reflects His teaching and love to the world around us.

5th Sunday in Lent 3-22-2015

The Acclamation

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting as found in the general rubrics.

From Ash Wednesday to the Eve of Palm Sunday or penitential occasions:

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures forever.

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant and People then say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Decalogue

Celebrant God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods but me.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any image or likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or worship them.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not murder.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not covet.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and give us grace to keep these laws and to write them upon our hearts.

Kyrie

The Celebrant and people sing or say together once or three times:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison

Christ, have mercy upon us. or

Christe eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us

Kyrie eleison

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect

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.*

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

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.

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

Psalm 51:1-12

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
 and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
 and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
 and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
 and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
 a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
 and will make me understand wisdom secretly
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
 wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
 that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
 and blot out all my iniquities.

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

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

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

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen*

Hebrews 5: 5-10

So also 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.

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

John 12: 20-33

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John *Glory to you, O Lord*

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.

The Gospel of the Lord *Praise to you, O Christ.*