

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 A.M.  
SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Welcome to St. John's! We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence. To ensure newcomers feel welcomed, position prompts are provided throughout our bulletins. If standing or kneeling is uncomfortable for you, please know it is fine to remain seated.*

**Prelude**      **Jesu, meine Freude**      **J. G. Walther (1684-1748)**  
*Partitas I - VIII*

*All rise at the sound of the church bell.*

**Hymn 686, standing**    **Come, thou fount of every blessing**      **NETTLETON**

**A Penitential Order: Rite Two, standing**      **BCP p. 351**

*Presider*      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*      **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Presider*      Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

### Confession of Sin

*Presider*      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people kneel as able. A moment of reflective silence is kept.*

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

*Presider*      Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Kyrie eleison S-359**

**D. Beyer**

*Bells (or Organ)*      *Cantor*      *People*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

*Cantor*      *People*

Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

*Cantor*      *People*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

**Collect of the Day, standing**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      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. **Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*You may be seated.*

**The First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21**

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.

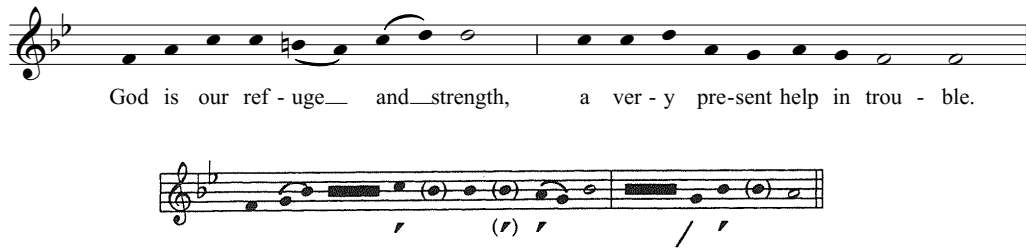
*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 126** *In convertendo*

**Plainchant Tone I.1**

*A cantor sings the antiphon at the beginning, then the congregation and choir immediately repeat it, singing it again where indicated; a cantor sings the verses to plainchant.*



- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
- 3 Then it was said among the nations, \*  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- 6 May those who sow in tears \*  
reap with shouts of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
Will come again with joy shouldering their sheaves.

**The Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14**

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.**

**Hymn 701, *standing*    Jesus, all my gladness**

**JESU, MEINE FREUDE**

**The Holy Gospel: John 12:1-8, *standing***

*Presider*        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

*Presider*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon    "Spring Has Sprung, Sore Muscles and All"    The Rev. Wilbert "Wilk" Miller**  
*A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed, *standing***

**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.**

**The Prayers of the People, *standing***

*Intercessor:* In this holy season of Lent let us turn to God in prayer.  
*Silence is observed.*

*Intercessor:* We pray for the church. May all God's blessed children drink deeply from living springs, and travel the deserts in trust and hope. God of mercy,

*The People:* **make us new.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for the world. May we come to live as one family, and grow beyond the violence of war. God of mercy,

*The People:* **make us new.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for the nation. May we be healed of all that divides us, and shine again like a lamp on a hill. God of mercy,

*The People:* **make us new.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for our community. May our children be safe, our leaders be wise, and our lives be peaceful and just. God of mercy,

*The People:* **make us new.**

*Intercessor:* We pray for the afflicted. May your presence be known in every time of sadness, and may there be grace when we suffer. Be especially with Jinny Buracchi, Brandon, Connie Cliffe, Tony Custodio, Roger Deakin, Sherley Furgueson, Jeff Going, Raymond Guarino, Nancy Gould, Erna Jensen, Ken Kezer, Astrid Pensa, Gianna Porcelli, Marguerite Quigley, Dorothy Rider, Janet Schuman-Andrew, Kathe Woodside and all those we now name before you, silently and aloud....God of mercy,

*The People:* **make us new.**

*Intercessor:* We give thanks for the departed now in your eternal embrace. May we always remember them as we pause to do so now...God of mercy,

*The People:* **make us new.**

*Intercessor:* God of mercy, make us new. Change our hearts, mend our lives, and lead us to any who need us, for the sake of Jesus who came that all might have life, and have it abundantly.

*The People:* **Amen.**

**The Peace**, *all standing*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Welcome and Announcements**, *you may be seated*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*The congregation's offering for the mission and ministry of the church is received. Please be seated.*

**Anthem** **Drop, drop, slow tears**

**O. Gibbons (1583-1625)**

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet,  
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.  
Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;*

*to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.  
In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

**Presentation**, *standing*

*The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table. Weekly donations to the Shoreline Pantry are placed before the Altar.*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C**

**BCP p. 369**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* 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.

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

*Presider* 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.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Presider* 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.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Presider* 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:

Sanctus S-124

D. Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel, as the Presider continues*

And so, Father, 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. On the night he was betrayed he 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, he 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,

*People:* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah, Rachel, Bilhah, and Zilpah; 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.

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

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

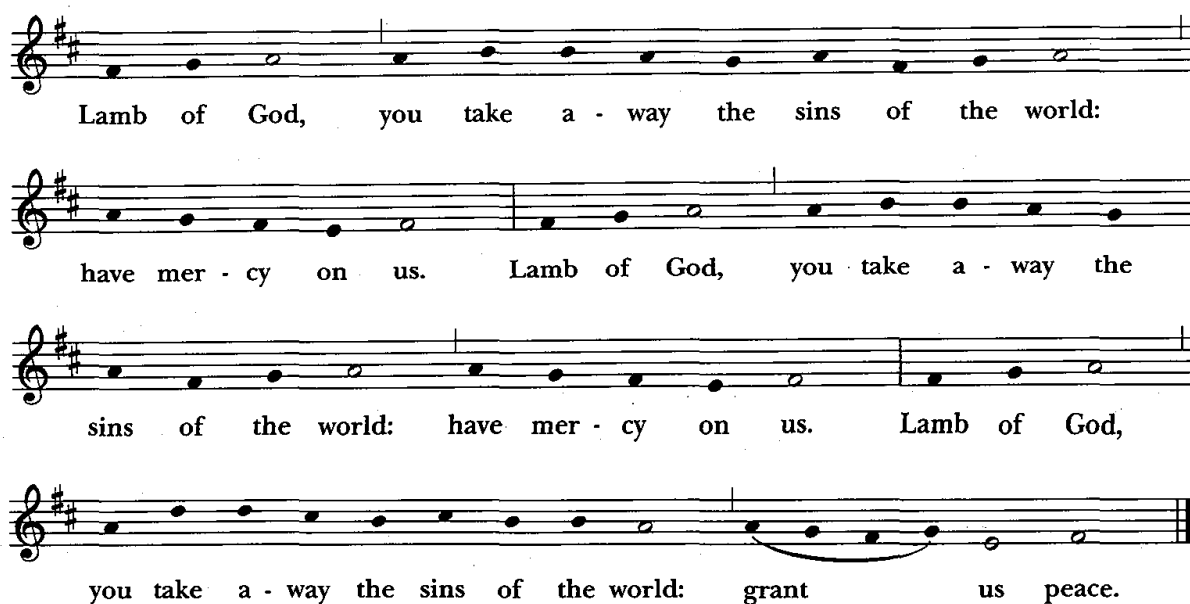
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

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.

### The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S-161

D. Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### The Invitation to Communion

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. For a blessing, place your hands across your chest. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding one arm across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.*



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me  
 2. When my way grows — drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws —

1. stand, — I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. near, — When my life is — al - most — gone; \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. near, — And the day is — past and — gone; \_\_\_\_\_

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the  
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I  
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, — Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. fall, — Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. hand, — Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer after Communion, standing**

*Presider*

Let us pray.

*People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing, standing**

**Hymn 610, standing Lord, whose love through humble service**

**BLAENHAFREN**

*As we go forth, we set aside the word "Alleluia" until Easter Day, embracing this season of reflection and renewal.*

**The Dismissal**

*Presider*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Jesu, meine Freude**  
*Partita IX*

**J. G. Walther (1684-1748)**

***Altar Arrangement***

*The altar arrangement is done by Lois Blood Bennett and given to the glory of God.*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10**

*Lenten Meal of Soup, Salad, & Bread*

5:30 p.m. in the Undercroft

*Simple Gifts: A Folk-Inspired Compline*

*With music by Paul Loether*

6:15 p.m. in the Church

***Walking with Jesus to His Funeral***

**Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. — Parish Hall**

Our interim Pastor Wilbert "Wilk" Miller is finishing up the last class on funeral planning. The class will look at how the church is involved when we die and how our funeral service is planned.

**April 8**

Jesus Thinking about His Own Death

*Compassion and Mercy in Caring for Others*

**Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. — Parish Hall**

St. John's member Dan Evangelisti will help participants create skills to deal with friends and family who are dying. Compassion and mercy are powerful responses to human need and suffering, especially in how we care for others at the time of human dying; they are also important to our spiritual and moral lives, widening our hearts and minds in relationship to God and neighbor.

**April 15**

A Call to Compassion and Action

**April 22**

A Call to Be Merciful and Respectful

*Tuesday Morning Eucharist in Lent*  
*"Keep Watch, Dear Lord"*

**11:15 a.m. — (Immediately following Bible Study)**

One of the most beloved evening prayers in the Book of Common Prayer is:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ;  
give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for  
your love's sake. Amen.

At the 1/2 hour Tuesday morning Eucharist in Lent, we will hear homilies on this prayer.

**April 8**

(5th Sunday in Lent) "The Suffering, Afflicted, & Weary"

**April 15**

(Tuesday in Holy Week) "The Dying"

*Palm Sunday — April 13*

**COFFEE HOUR AND HOT CROSS BUNS**  
**DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE 8 AM AND 10:15 AM SERVICE**

Hot cross buns were said to have magical powers that protected ships from shipwreck.

Queen Elizabeth I decided hot cross buns were so special, people could only have them on Good Friday, Christmas, or at burials. Some believe the buns were really banned because the church feared their reported magical powers. Some believe if you share a hot cross bun with someone, you would be friends with that person for the following year. So, come have a bite of these magical hot cross buns directly following the 8 AM and 10:15 AM services! There will be a sign up sheet for help with Palm Sunday coffee hour and hot cross buns, however, if you have any questions please contact the office at 860-767-8095 or email Meghan Wrinn at (meghan@stjohnsessex.org).

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**WORSHIP**

**SUNDAYS** | Holy Eucharist — 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

**TUESDAYS** | Bible Study — 10:00 a.m.

**TUESDAYS** | Midweek Holy Eucharist — 11:15 a.m.

**THURSDAYS** | Evening Light: A Journey through Compline & Evensong 6:15 p.m.

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