

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*After the service, speak to one another.*

## HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

BCP 351

*Silence may be kept.*

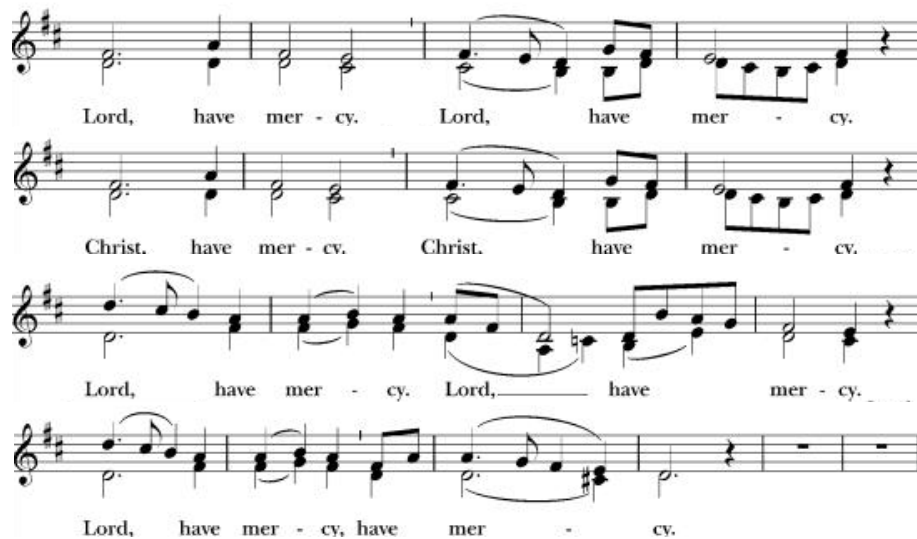
**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the 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.**

*Celebrant*

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.**

**Kyrie**

**S 96**



*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

### **Collect of the Day**

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.**

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

## The First Lesson

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 119:9-16

In quo corrigit?

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*Sung by the choir; the congregation is invited to join them for verses 10 - 16.*

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*

By keeping tó your words.

**10 With my whole héart I seek you; \*  
let me not stray from yóur commandments.**

**11 I treasure your promise ín my heart, \*  
that I may not sín against you.**

**12 Blessed are yóu, O LORD; \*  
instruct me ín your statutes.**

**13 With my lips will Í recite \*  
all the judgments óf your mouth.**

**14 I have taken greater delight in the way of yóur decrees \*  
than in all mánner of riches**

**15 I will meditate on yóur commandments \*  
and give attention tó your ways.**

**16 My delight is ín your statutes; \*  
I will not forgét your word.**

## Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:5-10

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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel** *Standing***John 12:20-33***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.****Children’s Homily****The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby****Sermon****The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby**

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 *Stand or kneel*

## Intercessions for the Christian People

The hour has come; now is the time to glorify God's name. Let us intercede for the church and for all God's creation, turning to God and saying: Lord, your kingdom come.

God of all humanity, now more than ever we pray to you for peace and justice in the world you have created. For the people of Israel and Palestine, for the Sudanese people, for Ukraine, and all the places where war and conflict are present. We pray for peace in our land, too, that words and actions by those in authority will bring hope and healing to those who need it most, and that we may show your glory by loving our neighbors as you love us: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

You are our God:  
may those who are poor and those who are rich, those near  
and those far, welcome your covenant of peace. We pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

We are your people:  
be with those who will receive your promise in baptism at  
Easter. We pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

You honor those who choose to serve:  
help us to be true followers of your servant Son. We pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

We know that we must die so that we may truly live:  
strengthen all who suffer in mind or body. We  
pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

You draw all people to yourself:  
bring us out of our slavery to possessions and away from the  
desire for wealth. We pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

We remember Emmanuel, Farmville; and Church of the Good Shepherd, Fayetteville; in this week's Cycle of Prayer. The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his sister, Alston Turchetta, by Hal Stirling.

Lord God, show us the way of obedience through patient endurance and the way of glory through the laws written in our hearts. Hear our prayers and come to our aid. We pray through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace *All stand.*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

## Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

Lamb of God  
*Joyful Voices*

arr. Kyle Johnson

## Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer

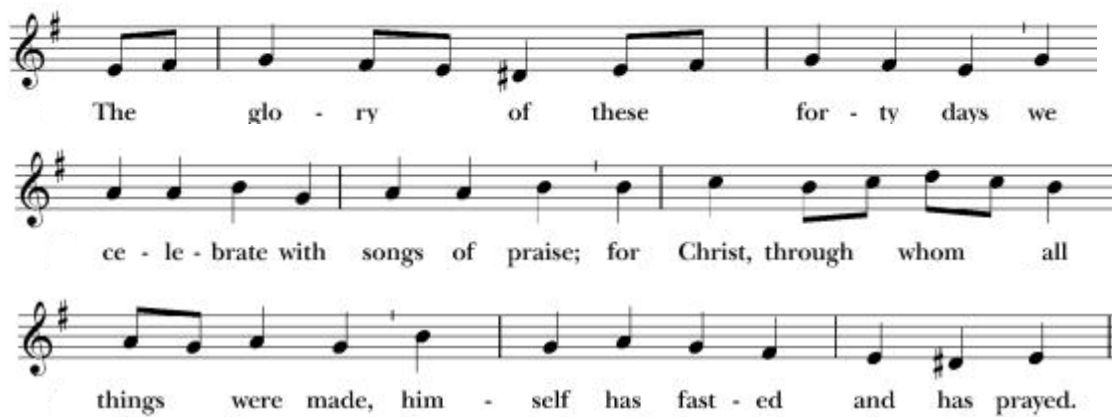
Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion. • Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips.

- If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. Use the small individual cups at the lower station if you wish to dip your wafer.
- Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available at the lower station.
- Respond to communion by saying “Amen.”
- If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.
- Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to a priest to learn more.
- If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the Chapel after receiving communion or a blessing.
- Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.

Hymn at the Presentation

The glory of these forty days

H 143 v. 1



## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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*

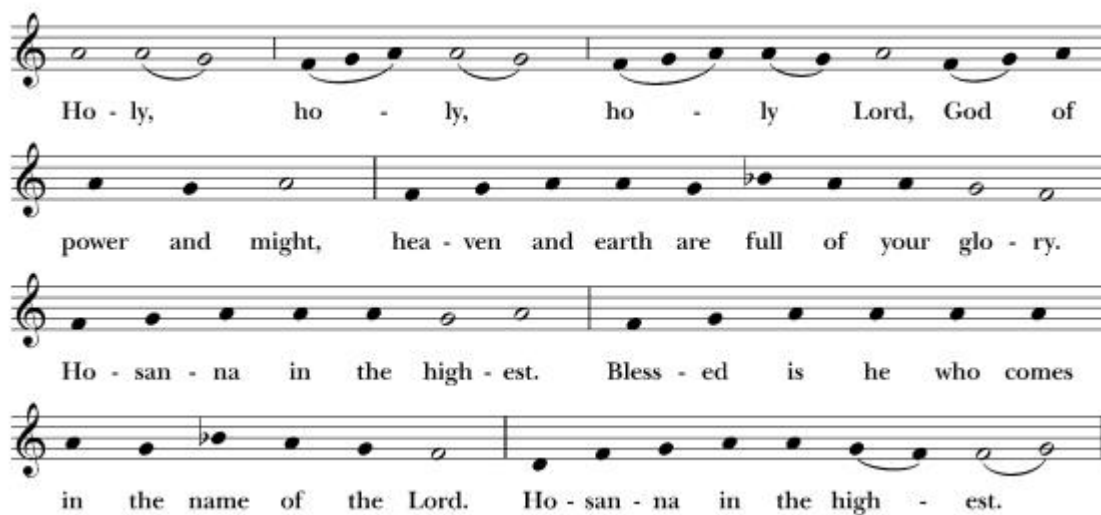
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn the glory of your name.



*The people stand or*

*kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**



*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

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

### **The 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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

*We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.*

*Let a priest know if you wish to have them.*

**Communion Hymn**

**When Jesus wept**

**H 715**

**Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

*People* **Take these holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood and go forth in the name of Christ Church. May those to whom you go experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of the bread and wine.**

*All* **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.**

**Post Communion Prayer** *Stand or kneel.*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Lenten Prayer**

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

**When I survey the wondrous cross**

**H 474**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

**Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 859**

**J.S. Bach**

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**Vergers:** Hal Stirling

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**Greeters:** Rodney Hayes and Phyllis Fox

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Emmanuel, Farmville; and Church of the Good Shepherd, Fayetteville

## CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF

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**BCP: Book of Common Prayer** (*black*),

**S or H: Hymnal 1982** (*blue*),

**WLP: Wonder, Love, and Praise** (*green*),

**L: Lift Every Voice** (*red*)

Please Note: You will notice that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar> and in the Sunday morning email. Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church's exterior doors.

### **CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH**

#### **Sunday, March 17**

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages  
9:45 am: Lenten Series -- Pauli Murray (Library with Zoom)  
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

#### **Monday, March 18**

6 pm: Lenten Series -- Have a Beautiful Terrible Lent (via Zoom)

#### **Tuesday, March 19**

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)  
8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)  
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

#### **Wednesday, March 20**

10 am: Truewood by Merrill Eucharist (NOTE: Date change going forward)  
12 pm: Bach Musical Meditation Series (Nave)  
5:30 pm: Lenten Series -- Wandering Heart (Library)  
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

#### **Thursday, March 21**

*Church Offices Closed for Staff Work Day*  
4 pm: Outreach Grants Committee Meeting (Library)

#### **Sunday, March 24**

*Palm Sunday*

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)  
9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages  
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))