



# St. John's Episcopal Church

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT:  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
RITE II  
MARCH 21, 2021  
10:00 AM

## Voluntary

### The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn 495, v. 1

*Hail, thou once despised Jesus*

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!  
By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.

### The Opening Acclamation

*Priest:* This is the day which the Lord has made.

*People:* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### The Ten Commandments

*Read by a Sunday School student. The people's response is in bold.*

Hear the commandments which God's people were given through Moses.

You shall have no other gods but me.

You shall not make yourself idols;

You shall not worship them or serve them.

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

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Honour your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

**Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

### Confession of Sin and Absolution

*Deacon:* Jesus said: "There is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

*Silence*

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.*

### **The Collect for The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Priest:* The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

*People:* **The word of Christ dwell in us richly.**

*Priest:* 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 First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34** *(Seated)*

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.**

### **Sequence Hymn 439, vv.1-2**

*What wondrous love is this*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

## **The Holy Gospel John 12:20-33** *(Standing)*

*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 Sermon** *(Seated)*

The Reverend Abigail W. Moon

*Priest:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God’s goodness.

### **The Prayers of the People**

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church, remembering Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, Charles, and Dorsey, our Bishops; Dave, Abi, and Wallace, our priests; Joe, our deacon; Chris, our seminarian; Sabrina, our urban missionary; Pat, preparing to become a deacon; and Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest. Father, remembering our companion parish San Pedro Apóstol in Zorrilla, Cuba, enliven the Church for its mission **that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

In gratitude we pray for Amelia Louise Stewart, baptized this week. Breathe fresh life into your people.  
**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace  
**that we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.  
**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for our nation, state, and community, remembering Joe, our president; Ron, our governor; and John, our mayor. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others  
**that all may act with integrity and courage.**

We pray for those in need, remembering Julia Livingston, Ann Macmillan, Katie Nielsen-Nuñez, Marcos de Souza Lima, Michele Rios, Lila Poston, Duncan, Kenneth Munt, Ruth Kohler, Pam, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.  
**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.  
**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Martha O'Brien, and those whose faith is known to you alone.  
**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries, either silently or aloud.

*Silence.*

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. During the exchange of the Peace, we ask that people show signs of peace that do not involve physical contact.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory**

*When Jesus wept*

William Billings

*We encourage you to place your offerings in the offertory plates at the exits of the church if you are worshipping with us in person. If you are worshipping with us online, you can text your gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56. You can go to the St. John's website and click on the Give Now button on the top-right of the homepage. You can mail your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301. If you bank online, set up St. John's as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Priest:* The Lord is here.

*People:* **God's Spirit is with us.**

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature, who though tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin; through him therefore we may triumph over sin and grow in grace. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!  
Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!  
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

*Priest and People:*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth;  
your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await;  
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

*Priest and People:*

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Silence may be kept.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**The Lord's Prayer** (*Said by all*)

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **grant us peace.**

**Invitation to Communion:** *All baptized people are welcome to receive the consecrated bread of the Eucharist. Please come forward to the priest to receive. Please receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Please know that the Episcopal Church maintains that the full blessing of the Eucharist is available in only one element. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those not receiving the bread are invited to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms in front of your chest.*

**Communion Hymn 442** (*Sung by the choir*)

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Priest:* Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

*People:* **Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name**

## The Blessing

### Closing Hymn 473, vv. 1-2

*Lift high the cross*

*Refrain:* Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon:* Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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