

Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

Offering Companionship Along The Way

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

Prelude (Crescendo Vocal Ensemble): “Have mercy upon me, O God” à 6
by William Byrd (1543-1623)

Have mercy upon me O God,
after thy great goodness.
And according to the multitude of thy mercies
wipe away mine offences.
Wash me clean from my wickedness,
and purge me from my sin. Amen.

Pastor Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

Lord, have mercy – Señor, ten piedad Gevert 2021-2
Lord, have mercy. Señor, ten piedad.
Christ, have mercy. Cristo, ten piedad.
Lord, have mercy. Señor, ten piedad.

Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Pastor Let us pray together our 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.**

The Prophecy of 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 51:1-13

- 1 **H**ave 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.

The Letter to the 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.**

Gradual Hymn “Abide with me”

Eventide

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 12:20-33

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.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

The Nicene Creed

**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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to you, Lord God, for all your blessings. We pray in gratitude for the celebrations of our lives (*we lift up in prayer all those things for which we are thankful.*)
Lord in your goodness: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Keith Nolan, John and Lorraine Oler, Randy Orzano and Gretchen Hachmeister, and for their families. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added.*) Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added.*) We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled, and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer List

SICK

Mike

Marlene

Harry

Martha

Richard V.

Carlos

Donna

Millie

Allie

Sam

Jeremy

Betsy H.

Roberto

Alice Tweed

All cancer patients as they continue their recovery

All caregivers

And all those suffering with COVID-19

REST IN PEACE

Bill Dickenson

Chantal Hedges

Linda Bastedo

Giovanni Favretti

Liberty Rees

All who have died from COVID-19

The Confession

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.

Absolution

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.**

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem “Oh! for a closer walk with God” by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Holy, holy, holy “Santo”

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Santo, santo, santo es el Señor,

**God of power and might, Dios del universo.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna en el cielo.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna en el cielo.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now 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 Bread is Broken

Lamb of God – Cordero de Dios

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**Lamb of God, Cordero de Dios,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Tú quitas los pecados del mundo:
Have mercy upon us. Ten piedad de nosotros.
Lamb of God, Cordero de Dios,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Tú quitas los pecados del mundo:
Have mercy upon us. Ten piedad de nosotros.
Lamb of God, Cordero de Dios,
Who takes away the sins of the world,
Tú quitas los pecados del mundo:
Grant us peace. Danos paz.**

Prayer for Spiritual Reception

Lord, Jesus Christ, we believe that you are present in the sharing of the Holy Eucharist. We desire through this sacrament to receive you into our bodies; heart, mind and soul. Since we cannot at this moment receive you physically through the bread and wine of this Holy Meal we ask that you come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you now as we unite ourselves to your presence. May we never be separated from your love. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Prayer

Gracious God, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with Christ, our Lord. Strengthened and refreshed, we go from here to speak your love and to reveal your glory in the world. Amen.

Jane Keener-Quiat

The Blessing

Be of good courage, stand firm in the faith, do everything in love; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Cwm Rhondda

Dismissal

Priest Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Organ Improvisation on *Cwm Rhondda*

Gevert

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Music Director and Video Editor: Christine Gevert

Lector: Eleanore Jenks

Psalmist: Connie Frost

Epistoler: Carol Taylor

Intercessor: Janet Walker

Counter: Gordon Gustafson

Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Sundays

10:30 AM Spiritual Eucharist on YouTube

11:30 AM Coffee “Hour” on Zoom

Thursdays

Bible Study is on Haitus until Thursday, April 15. We will begin **The Book Of Ecclesiastes** at that time.

Today

12:00 Noon – Vestry meeting on Zoom

Sat., Mar. 27

9 AM to 1 PM – Quiet Day at Camp Washington. Pastor Heidi will be one of the presenters.

Sun., Mar. 28

10:30 AM Palm Sunday – The reading of the Passion

Please feel free to come and pick up some palms at the church outside the red doors of Walker Hall.

Friday, April 2

12 Noon – Good Friday service on YouTube including music and reflections on the Way of the Cross.

Sun., April 4

9:00 AM In person Easter Service (*already fully subscribed*)

9:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 AM Principal Easter Service on YouTube with special guest musicians

3:00 PM Misa de Pascua en Español

4:00 PM Búsqueda de Huevos de Pascua

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