

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SHIPPENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA



March 29, 2020
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Good morning. Welcome to this time of worship, here at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, in Shippensburg, PA.

My name is Barbara Hutchinson and I have the joy and privilege of serving the good people here as their priest and rector, where we have gathered together faithfully over the years in prayer and worship, so that we can allow the risen Christ to form our lives as faithful people of God, committed to living authentically, thinking inclusively, and opening our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.

Rather than offering the service of Holy Eucharist this morning we will focus on God's Word, in a simpler way, setting before us a time of focusing our thoughts and opening our hearts on the psalm appointed for today, Psalm 130.

This is the 5th Sunday of Lent, the last Sunday before we begin our intentional journey into Holy Week, the time set aside in our church year when we remember the events of Jesus' last week, which lead us to Easter, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, God's victory of life over death.

We set this Sunday, and our own lives, of course within this season of the Coronavirus and our ongoing and deepening concern for the well-being of the world. We may find this time of isolation and fear to be a very difficult time, and yet, as others have said, this is exactly the time that our spiritual practices of worship, prayer, living in community, and being formed as Christians has prepared us for. We will find a way to live out of the truth and strength of God in this very challenging time.

I am certain that we all miss gathering in our beautiful sanctuary this morning, seeing the familiar faces which form our part of the Body of Christ, and engaging in our familiar worship which has brought our hearts to God each week. It is okay to be sad about that. I am feeling the absence of our regular gathering deeply as I miss all of you.

And yet, we can rejoice that we can gather in a new way, as we remember St. Paul's words in his letter to the Romans, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Faithfully, Mother Barbara

PRELUDE

GATHERING ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING HYMN #516 *Blue Hymnal* Come down, O Love Divine

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 351

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE DECALOGUE

BCP 350

Priest Hear the commandments of God to God's people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant You shall not make for yourself any idol.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest Honor your father and your mother.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not commit murder.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not commit adultery.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not steal.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**
Priest You shall not be a false witness.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Priest 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*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 352

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSONS

INTRODUCTION TO LECTIO DIVINA

READING OF PSALM 130 *(two different versions)*

TIME OF REFLECTION ON THE PSALM

MOTHER BARBARA'S REFLECTION

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Priest Let us hold ourselves and all others in prayer and love.

<i>Leader</i>	Bless our visitors today, that they may sense the love and compassion of Christ through our worship and as expressed by each one of us. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
<i>Priest</i> <i>People</i>	Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	We hold before God those times when our lives are overwhelming; when we have obstacles to overcome and challenges to face, when we ask for the Spirit's guidance as we discern our way forward.
<i>Priest</i> <i>People</i>	Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	We hold before God those times when we are our own worst enemies, when we struggle with the darkness in our lives, when we ask for the courage to turn towards the light and remember we are never alone.
<i>Priest</i> <i>People</i>	Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	We hold before God the challenges and heartbreak of our mortal lives; those times when we suffer the effects of violence, injustice, prejudice, loneliness and deprivation, when we ask for the faith we need to embrace God's healing love.
<i>Priest</i> <i>People</i>	Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	We seek God's grace and mercy upon all who are experiencing the effects of the coronavirus pandemic in the world: those who are suffering from physical discomfort, isolation, disrupted routines, uncertainty and fear. We seek the blessings of unity in Christ-like love, praying and caring for each other with patience and persistence, holding each other in our hearts when we are unable to gather together.
<i>Priest</i> <i>People</i>	Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i>	Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who have asked for our prayers: the residents of the Episcopal Home (Barbara, Frank, Edgar, Shirley, Mary, Bertha, Sharon, Jo, Myrtle, Cathy, Mary, Juanita, Gary, Carole, Marietta, Phyllis, Frank, Edna, Ruth, Paula and Geri) and the staff of the Episcopal Home (Mary Grace, Becky, Julie, Donna, Kathy, Tonja,

Tamey, Lorrie, Alyssa, Ada, Jen, Sondra, Esther, Wayne, Anita, Tammy, Laurie, Effie, Diane, Mike, and Jane), and all who love them, and we pray for Ellen, Jeanine, Ivy, Brian Helman, Ellen Harkins and her family, Fred Detschel, Lori, Sherry, Jim and family, Virginia, the Watts family and Pedro, Regina, Patricia and Josh, Nan, Gary, Janet, Daimen, Rachel Mooney, Josh, Mina, Robert Carter, Laura, Cheryl, June, Rose M., Susan, Tom, Matthew, and Connor, Samantha, Stan and Dottie. We also pray for God's peace and protection to be upon those who are in active duty in our military: Kelley Williams, Levi Nelson, Brad Arnold, Kyle Hubert, Brent Welch, Andrew Harkins, Maria Bailey, Tawney and Jack Yeager, Laura and David Zitelli.

Priest Lord, in your mercy.
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We hold before God those who are grieving because someone they loved has died. May your will for them be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Priest Lord, in your mercy.
People **Hear our prayer.**

Priest Lord God, may our prayers, rising before you like incense, be pleasing to you; and may our outstretched hands be filled with your mercy, through Jesus Christ, your Son.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 PEACE

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

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding; keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN #473 *Blue Hymnal* Lift high the cross

THE DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God!**

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Priest	The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson
Assisting Minister	Thomas Williams
Choir	Jean Shepherd, Milan Shepherd
Pianist	Kevin Gorman
Lectors	James Williams, Mary Beth Williams
Technical Support	Bill Hutchinson

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to living authentically, thinking inclusively,

and opening our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.

Leadership

Diocesan Bishop The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan

Rector The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson

Parish Secretary Melanie Varner

Church Musician Brian Helman

Interim Church Musician Kevin Gorman

Head Verger Mike Stitt, FVGEC

Verger Mike Rhodes, FVGEC

Verger Bill Gawors

Vestry Members

Christina Luo, Senior Warden

Jane Offner, Junior Warden

Jean Shepherd, Treasurer

Brett Erickson

Ken Dotson

Mary Beth Williams

Larry Shillock

Steve Smith

Lisa Turchi

Susan Tyler

Laurel White

Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10 AM Worship Services

Healing Prayers are offered on the first Sunday of the month.

Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 AM – Morning Prayer in the Library

Wednesday 10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II with Healing Prayers
in the Episcopal Home (adjacent to the Church)

Thursday 8:30 AM – Meditation held in the Library

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