



## 5th Sunday in Lent

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Shippensburg, PA  
March 21, 2021

We welcome you to St. Andrew's this morning. If you are looking for a church home, we are delighted that you have come to visit us. We hope you will come again and again to worship with us and allow us to be your spiritual home and parish family.

On the Sundays in Lent, you will notice a difference in how we come together as God's people to worship God. Much of the festive nature of the liturgy is missing. Music is restrained and carries a more somber tone. We do not adorn our altar area with flowers. Crosses are covered. A dark purple is used as the color of the season. The word Alleluia, which is sung throughout most of our church year and offered in the dismissal during the season of Easter, is absent.

These changes are not because Lent is a dreary season, but because it is a time of introspection, of drawing within ourselves, to find the place of renewal and hope, placed there by the Spirit of God in our baptism. This is a time of limiting our distractions, so that we can listen to that small, still voice of God and respond with a renewed heart.

We gather each weekend in our worship service where our story as the people of God reminds us that God has met and still meets our needs and that God alone can quench our yearning for the source of wholeness and goodness in our lives. Our fasting and self-denial give us the resources with which we can join Christ in his struggle against evil and death, so that we may also join him in his victory.

Together, may we keep a holy Lent. Mother Barbara

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### WELCOME

### GATHERING & CENTERING MUSIC

There is a balm in Gilead

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures for ever.**

### THE DECALOGUE (Kneeling or bowing your head)

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.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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.**

## TRISAGION # S102 Blue Hymnal (Sung three times.)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

## THE 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.**

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord said, "The time will surely come when I will make a new agreement with the people of Israel and Judah. It will be different from the agreement I made with their ancestors when I led them out of Egypt. Although I was their God, they broke that agreement.

Here is the new agreement that I, the Lord, will make with the people of Israel: I will write my laws on their hearts and minds; I will be their God, and they will be my people.

No longer will they have to teach one another to obey me. For I the Lord promise that all of them of them will obey me, ordinary people and rulers alike. I will forgive their sins and forget the evil things they have done.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 51:1-13**

1 Have 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.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

**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.

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**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL MUSIC**

Taize Chant #25

When the night becomes dark

When the night becomes dark,  
your love, O Lord, is a fire;  
your love, O Lord, is a fire.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 3:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

**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.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE HOMILY**

Mother Barbara

## **PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS**

Let us pray for ourselves and others.

Bless our visitors today that they may sense the love and compassion of Christ through our worship. Grant that we may serve Christ in them as we love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We hold before God those for whom life is very difficult; those who have difficult decisions to make, and who honestly do not know what is the right thing to do.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who have asked for our prayers: Ellen, Eugene, Sue, Linda Gatchel, Lloyd Spooner and Andrew Szabat, Jack & Linda Horner, Ashleigh Mann, Chris, Rebecca, Jonathan, Pierre, Sassie, Tony Yancoskie, Janet, Melissa, Katherine, Kathy, Deb, Cameron, Jan McCrory, Emma Jean Bankson, Susan and Robert Glick, Chuck Bloom, Richard, Evan, Roseann, Jack, Kathleen, Amy, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Samantha, Wanda, Margaret, Brian Helman, Rachel Mooney, and for those who care for them and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Brandon and Emily, Stan, the family of Dick Weller, Dina and Patrick, Pierre and Sassie, Laura, Christina, David, Jonathan, and Joseph, Laura and Pat, Deanna, Kathy, Jeanine, Ellen, Fred, Tom, Susan, Connor and Matthew, Blake and Katherine, and those whom we name, either silently in our hearts or aloud.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We hold before God those who have difficult tasks to face, and who fear they may fail in them; those who have difficult temptations to face, and who know only too well that they may fall to them, if they try to meet them alone.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We hold before God those who know that they can be their own worst enemies.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**



We hold before God those who have difficult people to work with; those who have to suffer unjust treatment, unfair criticism, un-appreciated work.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We hold before God those who are grieving because someone they loved has died; and any who are disappointed in something for which they hoped very much.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We hold before God those who are victims of violence, those who are neglected or misunderstood, those who are unemployed and frightened, and those who have no one to pray for them.

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **THE IN-BREAKING OF GOD'S JOY INTO OUR LIVES**

Mother Barbara

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

## **A SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

Kneel down before the Lord.

Grant most merciful Lord to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be changed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS #38

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,  
 2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true.

1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
 2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
 3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;  
 4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
 2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,  
 3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
 4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way.

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
 2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
 3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

old rug - ged cross\_\_\_\_\_

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;\_\_\_\_\_

old rug - ged cross,\_\_\_\_\_

I will cling to the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

And ex - change it some day for a crown.\_\_\_\_\_

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

Tchaikovsky Op. 39 No 4 “Mama”

Kevin Gorman

## **WORSHIP MINISTERS**

Officiant & Homilist

Mother Barbara Hutchinson

Decalogue

Starr Ariola

Lectors

Gary Murrell

Nichol Free

Gospeler & Prayers

Deacon Wanda Kloza

Musicians

Taize Chants

Kevin Gorman

Michelle DiBona Trefren

Trisagion

Mother Carenda Baker

Pastor Ginger Bennett

Bill Hutchinson

Closing Hymn

Mary Beth Williams

Jay Williams

Postlude

Kevin Gorman

Liturgical Artist

Kathy Varner

Bulletin Creation

Melanie Varner