

Liturgy of the Word: Rite One

(A Service of Ante-Communion)



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021



Rite I

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

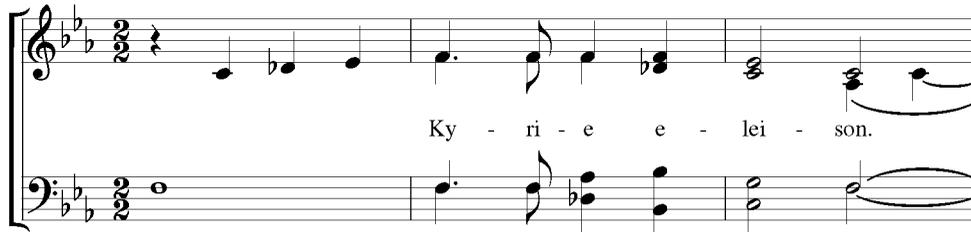
Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

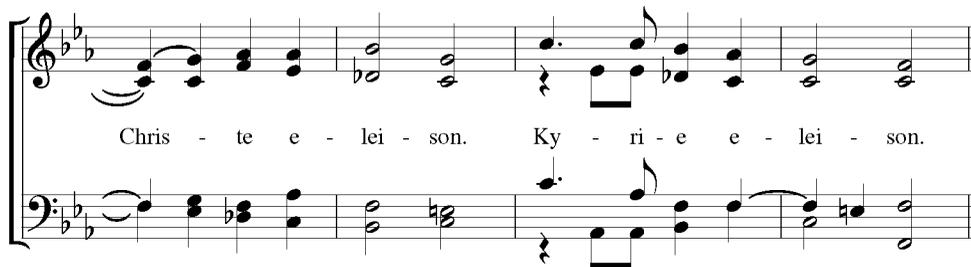
Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Have Mercy Kyrie

WLAP 837/838



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

Vs2. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(In unison) **O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

First Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:9-16

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way?
By keeping to your words.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart,
that I may not sin against you.

10 With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not stray from your commandments.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord;
instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite
all the judgments of your mouth.

15 I will meditate on your commandments
and give attention to your ways.

**14 I have taken greater delight in the way of
your decrees
than in all manner of riches.**

**16 My delight is in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**

Second Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song

O Love of God, how strong and true

Hymn 455
Vs. 1,2&4

1 O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

in seas that swell and streams that flow.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,

3 We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read thy power to bless and save

e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light

we read the fullness of thy might.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

People: **Glory to thee, O Lord.**

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 the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Sarah Spurlock Biggs, Seminarian

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: God of the covenant, hear now the heartfelt prayers of all thy faithful who look to thee for strength, hope, and healing. (*Silent is kept*).

Leader: You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the Gospel or that serves our own interests. *Hear us, O God.*

Thy Mercy and Love endure forever.

Leader: You sustained thy people in the wilderness. Give courage to all who lead in times of crisis and scarce resources. Prosper the work of those who aid victims of famine and drought. Bring peace in places where scarce resources cause violence. *Hear us, O God.*

Thy Mercy and Love endure forever.

Leader: You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot imagine. **Inspire our President Joe, our Governor Ralph** and the leaders of the nations to be generous with abundance, that all people might live in stability and freedom. *Hear us O God.*

Thy Mercy and Love endure forever.

Leader: In Jesus you joined humanity in all spheres of our lives. Reveal to all the depth of thy love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick, sustain the caregivers, strengthen the weak and weary. Especially... **Pete, John and family, Brian, Kimberly Barbara, George, Mary Beth, Warren, Brason, Bob, Liz, Paris, Randy, Bill, Desiree, Karen, David, Stephanie, Jack, Bruce, Bob.** *Hear us O God,*

Thy Mercy and Love endure forever.

Leader: All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to micro-organisms, preserve thy creation. Teach humanity to wonder at thy works and join thee in tending to creation's well-being. *Hear us, O God.*

Thy Mercy and Love endure forever.

Leader: Bless all those whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially those celebrating birthdays... **Rev. Susan Hartzell, Charlie Rumrill, Steve Michals, Jim Butler, Judy Houttekier** and anniversaries (especially...). Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Hear us, O God.*

Thy Mercy and Love endure forever.

Leader: You promise to write thy law on our hearts. Guide citizens throughout the world to shape communities that reflect thy mercy, justice, and peace, and give them creativity to work for the welfare of all. *Hear us, O God.*

Thy Mercy and Love endure forever.

Leader: We remember all who have died and now rest in thy glory, especially..**Joyce DeVoll** and for those who have given their lives in service to our country, (especially ...). We remember the 500,000 American lives lost to the COVID pandemic, and those who have suffered and died from COVID around the world. We remember with gratitude those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to thee alone. *Hear us O God.*

Thy Mercy and Love endure forever.

Concluding Collect:

Celebrant: Blessed are thee, O Lord our God, for thy presence with us in and through the wilderness. Hear our prayers for all peoples. Receive thy sons and daughters into thy family, wash us in the waters of new life, and feed us with thy love. Glory to thee for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant & People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Declaration of Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord. 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.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

March 21, 2021 Announcements & Events

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.



Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday – March 28th @ 10 AM –
Outdoor Liturgy with Holy Eucharist - In person* and Livestreamed

Maundy Thursday – April 1st @ 7:30 PM
Zoom service followed by online prayer vigil

Good Friday – April 2nd
Outdoor Stations of the Cross @ noon – In person*
Outdoor Liturgy – @ 3 PM - In person*
Good Friday Liturgy - @ 7:30 PM - Livestreamed

Easter Day – April 4th
Sunrise Service with Holy Eucharist - @ 6:30 AM –Outdoor – In person*
Family Service with Holy Eucharist - @ 10 AM- Outdoor – In person* and Livestreamed

**For all Outdoor / In person services, masks and social distancing are required (6' between family groups).
Please bring your own chairs. Weather permitting.*

Sunday Coffee Hour today at 11 AM

Sundays at Noon Adult Forum – “A River Through the Desert” following Jesus from Galilee to Golgotha.

Thursday 8 AM Adult Forum – Video and discussion “Going deeper with the Lord’s Prayer”

Friday Lenten Spiritual practices – Try a different Spiritual practice each Friday in Lent. Starting at noon for 20 minutes. Contact Rev. G for more information.

Weekly Prayer in Community - Tuesdays at 9 AM for 12 minutes.

Pick up Weekly pledge envelopes in the Narthex M, W, & F: 8 – 4 or call the office for assistance.