

**Holy Trinity Church**  
446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550  
*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts*

## **The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 21, 2021**

*9:30 a.m. choral service*

*The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher*

*Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist*

*Tamsin Lucey, Reader*

### **VIGIL LIGHT**

*The vigil light on the altar today is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Betty and Ray, given by Judy Reich.*

**Prelude:** *"Nun Bitten Wir" -Buxtehude*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Processional Hymn #339**

*Words: American folk hymn; Music: The Southern Harmony*

**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.**

### **\* Acclamation for the Penitential Order      Prayer Book, p. 351**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*      **His mercy endures forever.**

### **\*Confession of Sin      Prayer Book, p. 352**

**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.**

### **\*Trisagion #S-100 Holy God**

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

### **\* Collect *(said by all)***

**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.***

### **First Reading**

Reader      A reading from the book of Jeremiah

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. *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Reader The Word of the Lord **People Thanks be to God**

**Silence**

**PSALM 51:1-13**

*(Said in unison)*

**BCP., p. 656**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.  
Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.  
And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.  
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.  
For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.  
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.  
Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.  
Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**Silence**

**Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

**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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord **People Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Prayers of the People, III**

**Prayer Book, p. 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

**Prayer for the Parish**

**O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen**

**The Peace**

**The Liturgy of the Table**

**Offertory:** *"Lamb of God"* -Larson

**The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A**

**Prayer Book, p. 361**

**Sanctus** *(said by all)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer Book, p. 364**

**Fraction Anthem** *(said by all)*

*Setting: Gerald R. Near*

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast.**

**Communion:** *"How Beautiful"* -Setting by Larson

**Prayer** *(said by those at home)* *My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

**The Post Communion Prayer** *(Said by all worshiping in person)*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son and Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Dismissal** Let us bless the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn WLP#760**

*Words: Delores Dufner; Music: Shirley W. McRae*

**O wheat, whose crushing was for bread, O bread whose breaking is for life, O life, your seeming end is seed, a seed for wheat, our bread and life.**

**O fruit whose crushing was for wine, O wine whose flowing is for blood, O blood, your pouring out is life, our life in you, O fruitful vine.**

**Postlude:** *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” -Music by Lowell Mason*