

Saint John's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Lent



April 5 and 6, 2025

The Prelude *Paso in D Minor*

Narciso Casanovas

Solemn Silent Procession

The Opening Hymn *Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church*

The Hymnal 1982, 149

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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*

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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Our Hebrew scripture lessons tells how the same Lord who brought the people through the Red Sea waters and crushed the army of the Egyptians will do a new thing in this day when God will bring the people through the wilderness. No longer need the Israelites only remember the things the Lord did for them in the past. It is the end of the exile; again God forms the chosen people. A safe way will be made in the wilderness, and rivers will flow in the barren desert.

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response, Psalm 126

In convertendo

This is a song of hope and joy sung to the Lord, who restores the fortunes of God's people.

We will read this psalm responsively, breaking at the half-verse.

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
 and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
 like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
 will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

In our Epistle lesson, the apostle Paul can boast of his religious background, yet nothing matters in comparison with knowing Christ as his Lord. If righteousness were to be based on a legalistic understanding of religion, Paul had any number of points in his favor. But all such privilege he now counts as garbage so that he may belong to Christ through faith and share in Christ Jesus' sufferings. Forgetting what lies behind, he presses on toward the call ahead.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss

of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn *Let thy Blood in mercy poured*

The Hymnal 1982, 313

The Gospel *all standing, as able*

John 12:1-8

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Barbara Peterson

The Nicene Creed

Enriching our Worship 1

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who 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 whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy

holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially, Sean Rowe our Presiding Bishop, Julia E. Whitworth our Bishop, Alan our rector, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. **Lord hear our prayer.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. **Lord hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. **Lord hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. **Lord hear our prayer.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, (remembering _____), beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. **Lord hear our prayer.**

And we pray for those we remember in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: **The Churches of the Cape and Islands Deanery: Church of the Good Shepherd (Wareham), St. James the Fisherman Church (Wellfleet), Church of the Messiah Woods Hole (Falmouth).**

And we pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, this nation and this world. *Please add your prayers silently or aloud.*

And we pray for those on our prayer list: Mary, Susan, Christy, Brian, Steve, Charlie, Bruce, Dave, Alannah, MaryAnn, Dave, Luke, Bruce, April, Lyn, Henry, and Steve. *Please add your prayers silently or aloud.*

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

The Peace

All stand, as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Anthem *The Lord bless you and keep you*

John Rutter

The Doxology

Offertory Prayer at 5pm: All things come to Thee O Lord, and of Thy own have we given Thee.

Offertory Hymn at 9:30am

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!***



The Holy Eucharist ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed. You

bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

said at 5pm,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

sung at 9:30am

The Hymnal 1982, S 130

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

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Then the Celebrant continues We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

said at 5pm,

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People **grant us your peace.**

sung only at 9:30am

The Hymnal 1982, S 164

**Jesus, Lamb of God:
Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:
Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace.**

Celebrant These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please hold out your hand to receive the host.

You may ask for the chalice or receive the wine in the small cups offered to you in a tray.

If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms and wait for the minister to say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided in a white pedestal table.

If you **prefer to receive a blessing** you may cross your arms across your chest.

If you would like to **remain in your seat** and receive communion, please **let an usher know.**

The Postcommunion Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

The Recessional Hymn *When I survey the wondrous cross*

Solemn Silent Recession

The Hymnal 1982, 474

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *Organ Voluntary*

Celebrant: The Reverend Barbara A. Peterson

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lillian Woo(5pm) and Charles Diana (9:30am)

Lectors: Mary Ames (5pm); Sylvia Connor and Celia Bailey-Ochoa (9:30am)

Musicians: Misao Koyama and Choir

Sunday School:

Altar Guild: Melissa Abbott, Judy Cohen, Jann Czarnetzki, and Sharon Therriault

Ushers: Mary Howe and Marion McGinn

Hospitality:

April 5-13, 2025

Saturday, April 5

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 6

9:30am Family Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
Hospitality following worship, with a Happy Birthday
celebration for Elaine Young, Parish Hall

Monday, April 7

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 8

12noon AA, Parish Hall

7pm Vestry via Zoom

Wednesday, April 9

1pm Common Threads (Prayer Shawl) Group - Same
group, new name, Parish Hall

7pm, Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall

Thursday, April 10

12noon AA, Parish Hall

4:30pm Lasit Performing Arts, Church

6pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, April 11

1pm Caring for Creation, Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/892976341>

Saturday, April 12

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, April 13

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
Hospitality following Worship, Parish Hall

WE ARE MOVING!

St. John's parish office is moving from 161 Main Street to the basement level of the church. You can access the temporary office location through the **street level** (not up the steps into the church) **red door** at the right front corner of the church and down the stairs. Please bear with us as we relocate to our new temporary spaces while the current Parish House is being renovated into housing.

Easter Floral Donations are given in loving memory of, and in grateful thanksgiving for loved ones. Please call or email the office with names of those you wish to have remembered in our Easter worship bulletins. Remembrance forms are available in the Narthex. Please print, and place in the collection plate. Suggested donation is \$20.

Our parishioner Elaine Young turns 99 years old on (**oops-date correction**) **April 9th**. Please join us as we "shower" her with cards for this special day. You can find her address in the Parish Directory, or call the office for it. **On Sunday, April 6th** we will celebrate Elaine's special day with a birthday cake during coffee hour, following the 9:30am service. Please join us!

The next Baptism is offered at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19th.

Silent Auction Winner! Congratulations Christie Lowrance who placed the winning bid for the fleece blanket made by Mary Howe. The Silent Auction generated \$100 for St. John's. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Welcome to St. John's!

Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.

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