THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 21, 2021 AT 9 AM
The Order of Service

Voluntary

Prelude

William H. Harris
(1883-1973)

The Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

The Opening Sentence

Officiant Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.”
THE LITANY OF Penance

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

A brief period of silence is observed.

All Most holy and merciful Father:
We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

Officiant We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:
the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

People We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People Accept our repentance, Lord.
Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

**People** Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**People** That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**People** Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Officiant offers the absolution, and the people respond **Amen**.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

**Preces and Responses**

**Cantor**

Lord, o - pen our lips.

**People**

And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

**Cantor and People**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **A - men**.

**Venite**

1. Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a
great God, and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his al - so.

5. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have mold - ed the dry land.
Psalm 119:9-16

chant: Plainsong, Tone VI

How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
   By keeping to your words.
With my whole heart I seek you; *
   let me not stray from your commandments.
I treasure your promise in my heart, *
   that I may not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O Lord; *
   instruct me in your statutes.
With my lips will I recite *
   all the judgments of your mouth.
I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *
   than in all manner of riches.
I will meditate on your commandments *
   and give attention to your ways.
My delight is in your statutes; *
   I will not forget your word.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
   as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The First 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.
Kyrie Pantokrator

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
    God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
    and of all their righteous offspring:
You made the heavens and the earth,*
    with all their vast array.
All things quake with fear at your presence; *
    they tremble because of your power.
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
    it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.
O Lord, you are full of compassion,*
    long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.
You hold back your hand; *
    you do not punish as we deserve.
    In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners,*
    that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,*
    and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,*
    and I know my wickedness only too well.
Therefore I make this prayer to you:*  
    Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.
Do not let me perish in my sin,*
    nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,*
    and in me you will show forth your goodness.
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy,*
    and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,*
    and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

The Second Reading

John 12:20-33

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.

Hymn 441

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

1 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering
2 When the woes of life o’er take me, hopes deceiving
3 When the sun of bliss is beams of light and
4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the
5 In the cross of Christ I glory, towering

1 o’er the wrecks of time; all the light of
2 ceive, and fears annoy, never shall the
3 love upon my way, from the cross the
4 cross are sanctified; peace is there that
5 o’er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2 cross for sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3 radiance streaming adds new luster to the day.
4 knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.
5 sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

The Sermon

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin
The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Salutation and Lord’s Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

All 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 SUFFRAGES

_Cantor or Officiant_

V. Show us your mer-cy, O Lord;

_People_

R. And grant us your salva-tion.

V. Clothe your ministers with right-eous-ness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safe-ty.

V. Lord, keep this nation un-der your care;

R. And guide us in the way of jus-tice and truth.

V. Let your way be known up-on earth;

R. Your saving health among all na-tions.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot-ten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta-ken a-way.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi-rit.
THE COLLECTS

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

The Intercessor offers petitions and thanksgivings on behalf of the congregation. The people respond Amen.

We pray for those in our congregation who are celebrating a birthday or an anniversary, saying,

People O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANTHEM Almighty and everlasting God

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sarum, tr. Abp. Cranmer for the First Book of Common Prayer (3rd Sunday after the Epiphany)
A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant  The Lord be with you.
People  And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

People  Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Rector blesses the people.
People  Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

The Rector dismisses the People.
People  Thanks be to God.

HYMN 665  All my hope on God is founded

1 All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew, me through change and chance he
2 Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown be
3 God’s great goodness e’er endureth, deep his wisdom
4 Daily doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on
5 Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of

1 trust renew, me through change and chance he
2 pray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 passing thought: splendor, light, and life at
4 us bestow; his desire our soul de-
5 praise be done, high above all praises

1 guideth, only good and only true. God un-
2 build them, tower and temple fall to dust. But God’s
3 tend him, beauty springeth out of nought. Eve-
4 high-theth, pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth
5 praising for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth

1 known, he alone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.
3 remove from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.
5 call one and all; ye who follow shall not fall.

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