

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

Words of Welcome

Silence

A Litany of Penitence

Officiant Most holy and merciful God:

People **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.**

The Officiant continues

We confess to you, Lord, that 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.

We confess to you, Lord.

We have turned away from 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.

We confess to you, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:

the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our exploitation of other people.

We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
our anger at our own frustration,

and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

We confess to you, Lord.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty;

our false judgments and uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,

and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us;

We confess to you, Lord.

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

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

We confess to you, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Celebrant pronounces absolution, saying

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

Hymnal #S-102

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:9-16

How shall a young person cleanse their ways? *

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.

Blest are you, O God; *
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.

The Second Reading: John 12:20-33

Reader A reading from the gospel of John.

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.

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Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Miranda Hassett

Office Hymn: "Precious Lord, take my hand"

Hymn #163 v. 1, Hymn #10 verses 1, 2.

**Sunset to sunrise changes now,
For God doth make his world anew;
On the Redeemer's thorn-crowned brow
The wonders of that dawn we view.**

**New every morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life and power and thought.**

**New mercies, each returning day,
Around us hover as we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.**

The Prayers

Celebrant We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People *Send prayer requests to to prayers@stdunstans.com.*

Officiant Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.
Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all those in authority. In this season, we pray especially for all public officials, for those working to alleviate the pandemic, for all those working for justice and equity, and for those you now name.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all nations and peoples.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

- Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities. We pray for all essential workers and healthcare workers. This week I invite your prayers for , and those whom you now name.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list:
You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.
The people may offer additional names.
- Officiant* Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn. We hold before you all those who have lost their lives to the pandemic, and all the bereaved.
The people may offer additional names.
- Officiant* Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in your great mercy, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Song at the End of the Prayers

Composed by the St. Dunstan's Young Musicians

**Holy God, hear our prayer;
Holy God, hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you!

All **And also with you!**

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

The Blessing

Celebrant 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.**

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen!**

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord,
People **Thanks be to God!**

Sending Hymn: "Wayfaring Stranger"

**I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger,
Traveling through this world of woe,
but there's no sickness, toil nor danger
In that bright world to which I go.
I'm going there to see my father, I'm going there no more to roam,
I'm just a-going over Jordan, I'm just a-going over home.**

**I know dark clouds will hover o'er me, I know my path is rough and steep
But golden fields lie all around me where weary eyes no more will weep
I'm going there to see my mother, she said she'd meet me when I come.
I'm just a-going over Jordan, I'm just a-going over home.**

**I'll soon be free from every trial, this form shall rest beneath the sod,
I'll drop the cross of self-denial and enter in that home with God.
I'm going home to see my savior who shed for me his precious blood.
I'm just a-going over Jordan, I'm just a-going over home.**