

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



Sunday, March 17, 2024
10:30 A.M. Eucharist & Baptism, Rite Two

We Welcome a New Child of God Today
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THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SONG - Better is One Day

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.
2. One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see Your beauty,
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.
3. My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God.
Your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me.
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.

Chorus:

Better is one day in Your courts,
better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts
than thousands elsewhere.
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better is one day in Your house,
better is one day in Your courts
than thousands elsewhere,
Than thousands elsewhere.

CHILDREN AGES 5 THRU 5TH GRADE MAY FOLLOW THE CROSS TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL FOLLOWING THE OPENING HYMN

HOLY BAPTISM

BCP 299

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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 LESSONS

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

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.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 51:1-13

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.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

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.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 490 - I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light

1. *I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The Star of my life is Jesus*

*In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus*

2. *I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father*

3. *I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to follow Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus*

THE GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON - Fr. Ralph

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Celebrant says: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents: I present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God’s help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer ***I renounce them.***

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer ***I do.***

Then the Celebrant asks the following question of the congregation.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

We will.

Let us join with this child who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People ***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.***

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People ***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.***

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People ***I will, with God's help.***

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader	Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>
Leader	Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People	<i>Lord, hear our prayer.</i>

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that this child who here is cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

_____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

_____, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Deacon presents candle lighted from Paschal Candle with these words: Receive the light of Christ.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized by saying together.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

THE DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

We fall down, we lay our crowns

At the feet of Jesus.

The greatness of Your mercy and love

At the feet of Jesus.

We cry, Holy, Holy, Holy

We cry, Holy, Holy, Holy

We cry, Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lamb

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,

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 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 for ever. **Amen.**

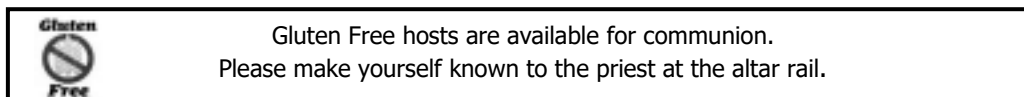
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

***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 (REMEMBER TO OMIT THE A WORD)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

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



COMMUNION SONG 1 - Flow River Flow

***Flow river flow. Flow river flow
Till your love all people know
And by your shores do grow***

***O Lord you planted a tree
Upon the Jordan's distant shore
The tree you planted was me
And I thirst no more***

***Chorus:
Not worries but fruit I now bear
As I cast upon you all my cares
There is fruit in each and every season
Born by Jesus your holy Son***

COMMUNION SONG 2 - Give Us Clean Hands

***We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit, come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord, we cast down our idols***

***Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
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That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob***

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** (these words may differ from time to time)

CLOSING HYMN - Jesus Messiah

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| 1. He became sin who knew no sin | <i>All our hope is in You</i> |
| That we might become His righteousness | <i>All our hope is in You</i> |
| He humbled Himself and carried the cross | <i>All the glory to You God</i> |
| Love so amazing love so amazing | <i>The Light of the world</i> |
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Chorus: | <i>Jesus Messiah</i> |
| Jesus Messiah Name above all names | <i>Lord of all</i> |
| Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel | <i>The Lord of all</i> |
| The Rescue for sinners | <i>The Lord of all</i> |
| The Ransom from heaven | |
| Jesus Messiah Lord of all | |
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2. His body the bread His blood the wine | |
| Broken and poured out all for love | |
| The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn | |
| Love so amazing love so amazing | |

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. (**Remember to omit the A word**)
Thanks be to God.

<p>Join us in the Parish Hall after the service for a reception for those receiving first Communion and for a new child of God, Adrian Eduardo Betancourt Belloso</p>

CALVARY WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AM Sunday - Traditional Service
10:30 AM Sunday - Contemporary Service
5:00 PM Sunday – Sunday Night Alive Informal Service

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Wednesday Lenten Series

Hope for the Unseen: Stories and Reflections of Sarah Beth Baca

Calvary Episcopal Church & St. Mark's Episcopal Church Fort Bend are teaming up for the Lenten Series. Sarah Beth Baca is a painter, illustrator, and entrepreneur who tackles complicated social and spiritual issues in a lighthearted, hopeful way. She specializes in 2-dimensional works of art that are narrative in nature, welcoming viewers into stories that have been meaningful in her own life.

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