

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



March 21, 2021



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

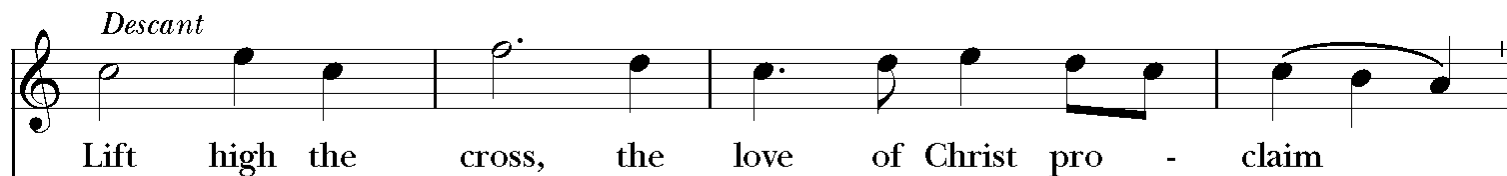
WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Lift high the cross

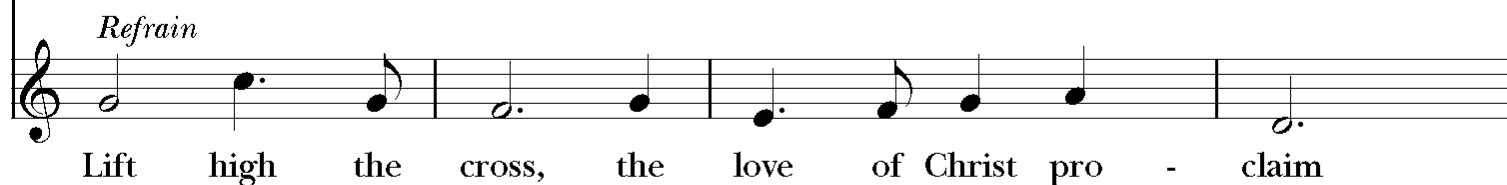
Hymnal 473

Descant



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain



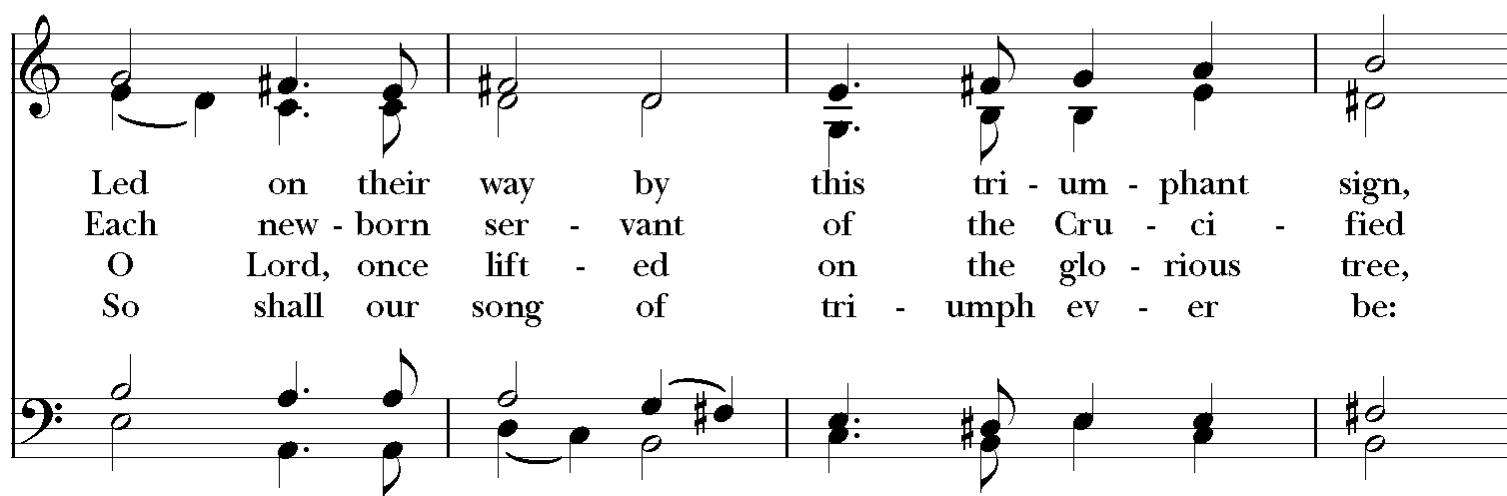
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim



till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.



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Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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PENITENTIAL ORDER

Officiant Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Officiant 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*)

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Silence may be kept.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:
 You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.
 We confess that we have failed to honor you
 in the great diversity of the human family.
 We have desired to live in freedom,
 while building walls between ourselves and others.
 We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,
 while making judgments of others based on the color of skin,
 or the shape of features, or varieties of human experience.
 We have tried to love our neighbors individually,
 while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
 Forgive us, Holy God.
 Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
 Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
 Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,
 even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity,
 now and for ever.
 Amen.**

Officiant 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.
All **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **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.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lector A reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

Lector A reading from Hebrews.

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 have I 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 to those who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

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

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 here 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 his 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.

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

HOMILY

CREED

paraphrase of the Nicene Creed by Timothy Dudley-Smith

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty, by - whose plan
 Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
 We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be low, a - bove:

earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
 suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the dead.
 saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love.

We be - lieve in Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
 We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's king to rule and reign,
 So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,

vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
 to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
 we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader O God, give to your Church renewed grace and courage, that in this season, we may boldly proclaim your Word in new ways every day.

Shine your holy light upon Christ Church Detroit and its leadership, that our community may be a beacon of your hope.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Grant that this nation and its civic leaders, especially Joe our President, Gretchen our Governor, and Michael our Mayor, may grow in empathy and wisdom, to discern and implement policies for the good of all.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Keep the nations of the earth under your care, that as we strive toward the light of justice and truth, there may be peace and goodwill throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Be present with medical personnel, teachers, and other frontline workers, and all those who are dismantling systems of oppression in our communities, that they, through your strength, may quell the spread of COVID-19 and moral ills that dishonor your image and likeness.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Watch over your children, that they may have the abiding peace of your presence all the days of their lives. We pray especially for those who celebrate birthdays this week: *Gail Smith, Betty Warner, David Coleman, Christine Franklin, Mary Ann Williams*, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Look upon those who are suffering or sick, and those for whom home has not been a place of rest, that they may find respite and relief from their troubles. We pray especially for *Pat Ald, Ed Beverly, Bob Brown, Tim Cook, Daniel, David Dieter, Digory, Trevor Esse, Sean Farley, Debbie Faust, Vincent Faust, Natasha Foreman, Grace, Michael Jenkins, Judith, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, Matthew Klein, Martin, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeehy, Jonathon Moon, Paul, Kathleen S., Atticus Schoonover, Marilyn Shably, Owen Sprague, Gregg Stewart, Len St. Jean, Glen Swanson, John T., Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White, Bob Wright*, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Receive into your eternal embrace those we love but see no longer, that they may rest in light and peace, to the comfort and consolation of those who mourn. We pray for all who have died, especially those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Officiant God of peace,
let us your people know that at the heart of turbulence
there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you.
Keep us from being content with things as they are,
that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion,
a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of ourselves in the spirit of Christ,
in whose name we pray.

A New Zealand Prayer Book

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.

VESTRY GREETING

OFFERTORY

BCP 377

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Here's One

William Grant Still

My Lawd! Talk about a child dat do love Jesus, here's one.
In ol' Satan's snares I one was fallin' but I heard de voice of my Lawd callin'.
Talk about a child dat's been converted, here's one.
Ever since I learned de gospel story I've been walking up de path to glory.

**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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYERadapted from *This Far By Faith*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: because, though our road has been stony going, you have given us the power to stand firm in the face of wickedness and to rejoice in triumph over death and the grave. And so, with the multitude from east and west, from north and south, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we lift our voices in the unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

**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 Celebrant continues

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 your command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; remembering your truth, and awaiting the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. And send your Holy Spirit, our Advocate, to fill our hearts with courage to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Common Worship

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
Amen.**

The priest does not receive, but begins the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Common Worship

Celebrant Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love,
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

All

Although we cannot gather in person as a congregation and consume these gifts of bread and wine together, we thank you that we do receive the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we embody your desire and be renewed for your service, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Lord Jesus, stay with us. Assure us and revive us in the truth that in you alone, we are one body. Nourish us with solace and strength to be bread for the world, and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Eternal Lord of love

Hymnal 124

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

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DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC

The art on the cover, *Wheat Field in Rain* (1889) by Vincent Van Gogh, evokes Jesus' words in today's Gospel, that "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." Like seeds that fall into the earth, and like Jesus himself, we, too, lose our lives – what we know and recognize – and enter abundant, fruitful life, transformed beyond our imagining. Throughout rain and wind, flood and drought, we endure in faith by remembering who and whose we are.

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