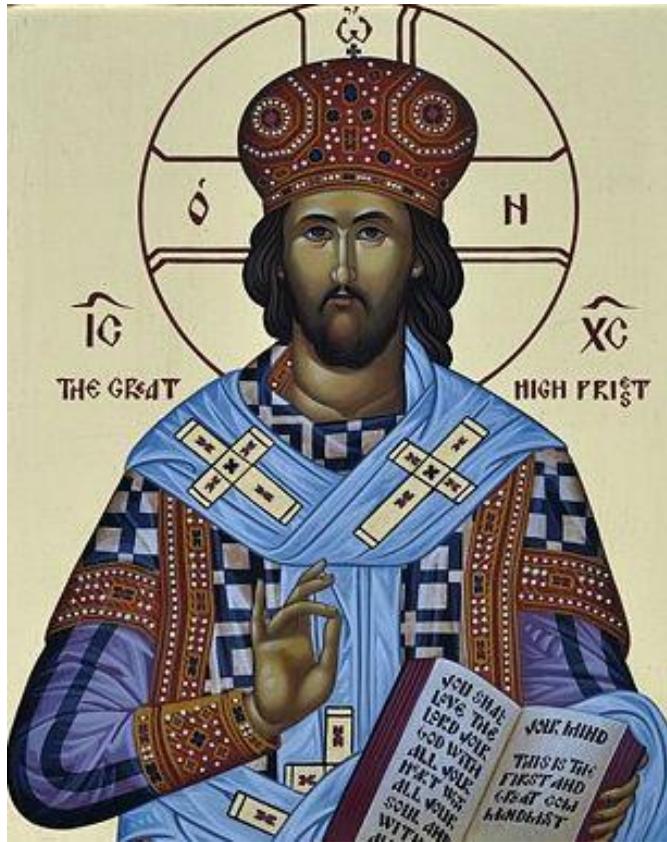


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The Fifth Sunday in Lent
The Sunday of the Passion
The week of March 29, 2020



*Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word,
He will never see death.*

The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

The Preparation

† The Litany

O Lord,
 have mercy.

O Christ,
 have mercy.

O Lord,
 have mercy.

O Christ,
 hear us.

God the Father in heaven,
 have mercy.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 have mercy.

God the Holy Spirit,
 have mercy.

Be gracious to us.
 Spare us, good Lord.

Be gracious to us.
 Help us, good Lord.

From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; from lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

Help us, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

Help us, good Lord.

We poor sinners implore You
to hear us, O Lord.

To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived; to beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need; to direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people; to watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; to grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; to strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
we implore You to hear us.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy.

Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us Your peace.

O Christ,
hear us.

O Lord,
have mercy.

O Christ,
have mercy.

O Lord,
have mercy. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

Amen.

The Service of the Word

† **Introit** *Psalm 43:3–5; antiphon: Psalm 43:1–2a*

Vindicate me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

For You are the God in whom I take refuge.

Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.

**Vindicate me, O God,
and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**
For You are the God in whom I take refuge.

† **Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 22:1–14*

In those days God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalm 143:9a, 10a; 18:48a, c*

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!

You delivered me from my enemies;

You rescued me from the man of violence.

Epistle *Hebrews 9:11-15*

Brethren: when Christ appeared as a High Priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the

purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore He is the Mediator of a new testament, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first testament.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

† **Tract** *Psalm 129:1–4*

“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth,”

let Israel now say—

**“Greatly have they afflicted me from my youth;
yet they have not prevailed against me.”**

The plowers plowed upon my back;

they made long their furrows.

The LORD is righteous;

He has cut the cords of the wicked.

† **Holy Gospel** *St. John 8:42–59*

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time* Jesus said to the Jews, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of My own accord, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.” The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the Judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.’ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His

word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

† **Nicene Creed** (*inside back cover of hymnal*)

Hymn of the Day 420 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

Sermon

† **Prayer of the Church**

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the conclusion: ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

† **Preface and Sanctus**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

† **Lord's Prayer**

† **Words of Our Lord**

† **Pax Domini**

The peace of ✠ the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

† **Agnus Dei** (*sung*)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

Distribution

Guests who have not previously received Holy Communion from Pastor Gerike are kindly asked to speak with him before approaching the altar for the first time.

Communicants may receive the Body of Christ either in the hand or directly in the mouth. Those who receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice are encouraged to take the bottom of the chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths.

Communicants are invited to pray the following before receiving the Sacrament:

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof;
but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

† **Post-Communion Collect**

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

and His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray. . . . one God, now and forever.

Amen.

† **Salutation, Benedicamus, and Benediction**

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

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