

Emmanuel

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

10:30am



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*As we gather before the service begins,
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.
Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude “Sketch #1” for pedal clavier Op. 58 *Robert Schumann (1810-1856)*

(stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn “O God of Bethel, by whose hand” **Hymn #709**
v. 1,4,5

1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand thy people still are fed; who through this earthly pilgrimage hast all our fathers led:
4. O spread thy covering wings around, till all our wanderings cease, and at our Father's loved abode our souls arrive in peace!
5. Such blessings from thy gracious hand our humble prayers implore; and thou shalt be our covenant God and portion evermore.

(standing)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

The Decalogue may be said, the people kneeling.

Celebrant: Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

The Confession

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Priest alone stands and says

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.

Lenten Verse

“My Song is Love Unknown”
Vocalist: Grant Holsinger

Hymn #458
v. 4, 5

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| 4. Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave
the blind their sight. Sweet injuries!
Ye they at these themselves dis-
please, and 'gainst him rise. | 5. They rise, and needs will have my
dear Lord made away; a murderer
they save, the Prince of Life they
slay. Yet steadfast he to suffering
goes, that he his foes from thence
might free. |
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

Old Testament

A Reading from the Book of 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.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 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.*

New Testament

A Reading from 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.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“My faith looks up to thee”

Hymn #691

v. 1,2

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou
Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all
my guilt away; O let me from this
day be wholly thine.
2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my
zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me, O may
my love to thee pure, warm and
changeless be, a living fire.

(stand as you are able)

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *John 12:20-33*

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.

The Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

(A moment of silence is observed after the sermon)

The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

Deacon: God made Christ a high priest for our salvation. As we prepare for the paschal feast, let us earnestly offer prayers and supplications to God through his Son. For the holy catholic church throughout the world, sharing the death and resurrection of Christ.

Deacon: Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

For this parish of Emmanuel, that we may be faithful to our mission and respond to the spiritual needs of those around us with compassion, joy, and truth.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For Paula our bishop-elect, for presbyters and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God especially in our diocesan cycle of prayer for the spouses, partners and children of our bishops, priests and deacons, and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, The Church of England.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are preparing for new birth in the waters of baptism this paschal season.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

For all the peoples of the earth and for mercy, justice, and peace.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously bear us.

For the sick and the suffering, and for all who are in danger or need, especially Mary, Maryanne, Owen, Nick, Rich, Sam, Patrick, Sean, Trish, Dorothy, Fran, and Bob and family.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously bear us.

For the faithful departed in Christ, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, especially Ingrid *Viesturs*.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously bear us.

For our families, friends, and companions, and for all those we love especially those celebrating birthdays Owen *Carter (03/23)*, Lindsey *Zimmerman (03/23)*, Mary *Baldwin (03/24)*, John *Cygnor (03/24)*, and Gale *Degner (03/25)*.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously bear us.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, God of eternal life, who lifted up your Son from death. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all who walk in darkness, and make your people children of light. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

1. When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

(The people stand as the bread and wine are presented at the altar. Then they may be seated.)

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord.
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

(standing)

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: **I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

*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.*

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify (†) us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 say:

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Music during Communion

"Take up your cross"

Rachel Schmitt, flute

Thomas Keesecker

Bourbon

"My God, thy table now is spread"

Hymn #321

v. 1, 2

1. My God, thy table now is spread,
thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led, and
let them thy sweet mercies know.
2. O let thy table honored be, and
furnished well with joyful guests:
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing (†)

Closing Hymn

“O God, our help in ages past”

Hymn #680

v. 1, 3, 6

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Postlude

“O praise the Lord with one consent” *William Thomas Best (1826-1897)*
(hymn tune 'St. Anne' - O God, our help in ages past)

Announcements

Currently at the church, 45 people are able to attend the 10:30 am service, in keeping with diocesan guidelines. Please call or email the church office at churchoffice@emmanuelrockford.org to reserve a spot.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

Services are broadcast on Facebook, and you do not need an account to view them.

Book Club: The group meets on March 23rd at 7 pm via zoom. March's book is “Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents” by Isabel Wilkerson.

Lenten Series: The program, “The Day the Revolution Began” led by N.T. Wright will meet on Zoom February 24th through March 31st at 7 pm.

If you would like to pick up blessed palms, please contact the office via email or by phone and we will set some aside for you to pick up Saturday, March 27th between 10 a.m. and 12 pm.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday 3/28

8 am Resurrection Garden

10:30 am Church

Monday-Thursday 3/29-4/1

12 pm Holy Eucharist Church

Maundy Thursday 4/1

7 pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday 4/2

12 pm

The Great Vigil of Easter 4/3

7 pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord 4/4

8 am Resurrection Garden

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Oakes.

Assisting in the Liturgy

10:30 a.m. Crucifer/Acolyte: Stacey LaRosa
Readers: Mary Dammann and Mark Baldwin
Altar Guild: Cindy Joesten
Ushers: Dale and Mendy Thomas and
Delbert Brown

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