

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2013



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas

Rev. John Scott Trotter

The Great Litany

The people stand as they are able.

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I.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us.

II.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,
Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the
devil,
Savior deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying
unprepared,
Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and
at the day of judgment,

Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,
Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
Savior deliver us.

III.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.
Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.
Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons (especially _____) with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, O Christ.

IV.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to _____, the President of the United States, _____ the Governor of this state, (and _____, the Mayor of this city) that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people,

Hear us, O Christ.

V.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved (especially _____) and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel (especially _____) and all who are in peril.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit (especially _____) and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died (especially _____) and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

VI.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy on us.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all

those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *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 people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading

A reading from The Book of Isaiah (43:16-21).

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord,

 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;

 they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord
People
Thanks be to God

A period of silence is kept.

Psalm 126

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In convertendo

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A period of silence is kept.

Second Reading

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Philippians (3:4b-14).

⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of
the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a
Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness
under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have
come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard
everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ
Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I
regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found
in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the
law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from
God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his
resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in
his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the
goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made
me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my
own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining
forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize
of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
People
Thanks be to God

A period of silence is kept.

The people stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #473 - Lift high the cross

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12:1-11).
Glory to you, Lord Christ

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." ⁹ When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord
People
Praise to you, Lord Christ

The people sit.

Sermon

The people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

All say together

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.

The people kneel or stand, as they are able.

Prayers of the People

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Intercessor

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,
saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the
salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have
mercy.*

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the
Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in
authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city (town, village, _____), for every city and
community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the
earth, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and
will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer
space], let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the

sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For _____, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of [_____ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To thee, O Lord our God.*

A period of silence is kept.

Collect

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The people sit.

Our work in the week to come

The Priest says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Anthem

The people stand as alms are brought forward.

Offertory

The Hymnal 1982 # 380, vs 3

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

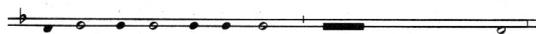
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

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The Holy Eucharist II

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



hea - ven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Mozarabic chant, ca. 8th cent.; adapt. Howard E. Galley (b. 1929)

The people stand or kneel, as they are able.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk

in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

The People respond Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
People and Celebrant

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

A period of silence is kept.

The Holy Eucharist

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Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on



us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: give us your peace.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Priest invites the people to Communion

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.

All are invited to our Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion please extend your hands, one over the other, to receive the bread of Christ. To receive a blessing cross your arms over your chest. To receive the cup of Christ, guide the chalice to your lips. If you wish choose not to receive of the cup, please cross arms over your chest. You may choose to remain seated.

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #301 - Bread of the world, in mercy broken

The people stand as they are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

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

BOS 25

The Deacon says

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

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.

Going Forth Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #473 - Lift high the cross,

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Prayers

Ronnie, Joe, Bill, Chris, John, Buzz, Dale Angie, Marcel, Corbet, baby Richey, Miguel, Shady Hook Elementary School, Charles, Renee, Carolyn, Sam, Sandra, Dick & Chris, Debbie, Harry, Thanksgiving for Evan's retrun, The Arkansas Legislature, meals on wheels, making better men of young men, those serving our country, those traveling, those we now name

Calendar

3/17

8:30 am Eucharist

9:30 am Fellowship

3/19 6:00 pm Alanon

3/20 6:00 pm W3 - light pot luck and discussion

3/22 6:00 pm Friday Families

3/24 Palm Sunday

8:30 am Eucharist, Procession of Psalms begin in Parish Hall

9:30 am Fellowship

3/25 - 3/29 Holy Week Noon Time Services Blytheville Ministerial Alliance

3/26 6:00 pm Alanon

3/27 Maunday Thursday

3/29 Good Friday

3/30 Easter Vigil

3/31 Easter

8:30 am Eucharist

9:30 am Fellowship

Announcements

Gospel Delta Concerts, 3pm, Chapel, Westminster The Finchers

Ministerial Holy Week Services

W3 light pot luck, questions and answers about Church

Worship Leader

Date	Proper	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Intercessor
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March 17	Lent 5	Connie Erwin	Beth McGrain	Pat McGrain
March 24	Palm Sunday	Beth McGrain	Corbet Darby	Connie Erwin

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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March 25-29, 2013

All Services will begin at Noon
A light lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Service Date	Host Location	Guest Speaker
Monday, March 25	1st Presbyterian Church 1520 N. 10 th Street	Rev. Michael Hooks
Tuesday, March 26	Pathway Ministries 4541 E. State Hwy 18	Rev. Mike Welch
Wednesday, March 27	1st Methodist Church 7 th & Main Street	Rev. Danny Pankey
Thursday, March 28	Trinity Baptist Church 918 E. Main Street	Rev. Mike Wey
Friday, March 29	Ruddle Road Church of God 1400 S. Ruddle Road	Dr. Robin Moore

PASSION PLAY 2013

THE END OF THE BEGINNING



Friday, March 29-Sunday, March 31

7:00 P.M. Nightly, Free Admission

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