

# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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# 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).

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord,

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

<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;

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

<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> 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.  
<sup>20</sup> 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,  
<sup>21</sup> 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**

*BCP p. 782*

*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).

<sup>4</sup> 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:  
<sup>5</sup> 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; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness  
under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have  
come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> 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 <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his  
resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in  
his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.  
<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> 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 #441 - In the cross of Christ I glory

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12:1-8).  
Glory to you, Lord Christ

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (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.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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 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**

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*The Priest says*

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

*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.*

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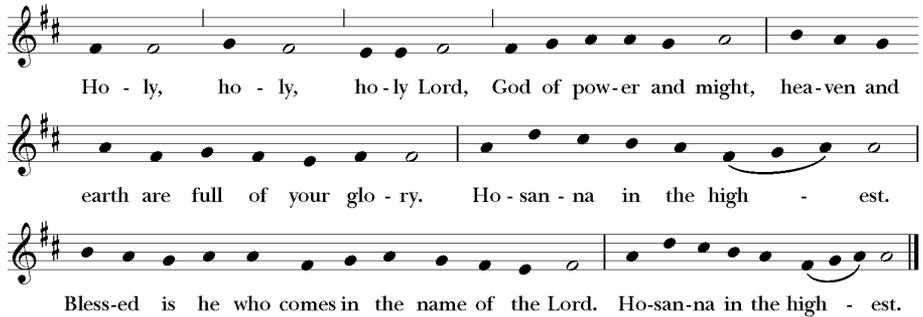
*Celebrant*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #124*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel, as they are able.*

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*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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**

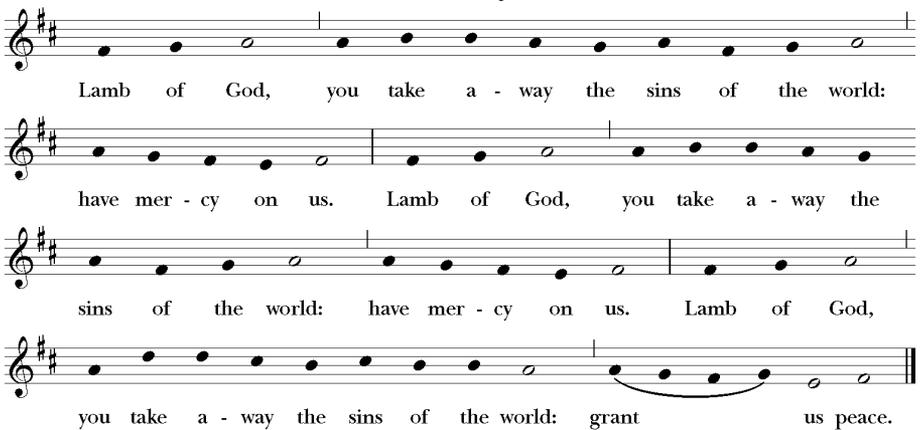
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
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.*

## Fraction Anthem

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #161*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*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*

Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the  
soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were  
spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:  
look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the  
tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the  
to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

*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**

*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 #641 - Lord Jesus, think on me,

## **Dismissal**

**Deacon**                      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People**                      *Thanks be to God.*

## **Prayers**

Janet, Amber, Josh, Harlan, Sandy, Diane, Lisa, Joyce, Tammy, Betty, Joe, Bill, Mary, Angie, Marcel, Barbara Dale, Friday Night Families, storms and fires, meals on wheels, making better men of young men, those suffering from seasonal those serving our country, those traveling, and for those we now name

Those who have died:

Those whose death's we remember: Margaret Edington

**Announcements**

see the calendar for schedule for Blytheville Ministerial Association Holy Week Services

see the calendar for St Stephen's Holy Week and Easter services

Nominations for Community Ministry Support is open through today. Voting begins Easter Sunday

To give Easter Flowers in Memory or Thanksgiving for family or beloved, please use from on Hall Table

**Prayer List**

Please add the following to St Stephen's Prayer list:

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Please add \_\_\_\_\_ to St Stephen's remembrance of the dead (date of death: MM/DD \_\_\_\_\_)

## **Calendar**

March 13 5th Sunday in Lent

9:00 Great Litany and Eucharist

10:00 Fellowship

March 15 6:00 pm Al Anon

March 18 6:00 PM Friday Families

March 20 Palm Sunday

9:00 Liturgy of Palms,

Eucharist and Passion of our Lord

March 21-25 12 noon BMA Holy Week Services

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

March 24 Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm Foot Washing, Eucharist

and Stripping of the Altar

March 25 Good Friday

6:30 pm Liturgy for Good Friday

March 26 Holy Saturday

7:30 pm Great Easter Vigil

March 27 Easter

9:00 Eucharist

10:00 Fellowship

## Worship Leaders

<b>Date</b>	<b>Proper</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>
3/13	Lent 5	Eucharist	Liz	Mike	Tucker
3/20	Psalm Sunday	Eucharist	Beth	Everyone	Mike
3/24	Maundy Thursday	Foot Washing & Eucharist	Beth	Kathryn	Mike
3/25	Good Friday	Proper for Good Friday	Kathryn	Everyone	Beth
3/26	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil	Mike	EVERYONE	Tucker
3/27	Easter Sunday	Eucharist	Liz	Tucker	Mike

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