



*Sunday, March 21, 2021*

**LENT**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

### **Morning Prayer Service for Lent**

*Jesus, Remember Me CP 634*

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
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#### *Announcements*

We cast our burdens upon you, O Lord, **and you will sustain us.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**  
Cast us not away from your presence **and take not your Holy Spirit from us.**  
Give us the joy of your saving help again **and sustain us by your bountiful Spirit.**  
Blessed are you, O Holy One, **the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.**

*Womb of Life and Source of Being CP 390 (tune 482)*

*Womb of life and source of being, home of every restless heart,  
in your arms the worlds awakened: you have loved us from the start.  
We, your children, gather 'round you at the table you prepare.  
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.*

*Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,  
you have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.  
Priest who shares our human struggles, Life of Life, and Death of Death,  
risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.*

*Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.  
When our memory fails, remind us whose we are what we intend.  
Labour with us, aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,  
free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.*

*Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, only Son:  
we would praise your name forever, One in Three, and Three in One.  
We would share your life, your passion, share you word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.*

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory forever.

In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing  
your praise.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

**Psalm 51:1-13**

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 51:1-13. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains the accompaniment. Above the treble staff, there are chord symbols: Am, mf, (Cmaj7) (F), C, F, G7, Em (Em7), A, (A7), Dm, Am, Gsus4, G, C. The lyrics are: Ho - ly One, give us clean hearts and stead - fast spir - its.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;

**in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

Wash me through and through from my wickedness

**and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,

**and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

**And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement.**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,

**a sinner from my mother's womb.**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,

**and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;

**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. R**

Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**  
Hide your face from my sins  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and renew a right spirit within me.**  
Cast me not away from your presence  
**and take not your holy Spirit from me.**  
Give me the joy of your saving help again  
**and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**  
I shall teach your ways to the wicked,  
**and sinners shall return to you. RR**

### ***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.

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Incline your ear to me; make haste to answer when I call.  
**Incline your ear to me; make haste to answer when I call.**  
Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come before you.  
**Make haste to answer when I call.**  
Hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.  
**Make haste to answer when I call.**  
You endure forever and your name from age to age.  
**Make haste to answer when I call.**  
You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have pity upon her.  
**Make haste to answer when I call.**

### ***Hebrews 5:5-10***

So also 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 for ever, 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.

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*In the Bulb There Is a Flower VU 703*

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in co-coons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody:  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bring hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

**John 12:20-33**

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 honour. '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 judgement 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.

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

*Sermon*

Come let us return to the Lord **who has torn us and will heal us.**

God has stricken us **and will bind up our wounds.**

After two days, God will revive us,

**and on the third day will raise us up, so that we may live in the presence of the Lord.**

Let us strive to know the Lord, **whose appearing is as sure as the sunrise.**

God will come to us like the showers, **like the spring rains that water the earth.**

'O Ephraim, how shall I deal with you? **How shall I deal with you, O Judah?**

'Your love for me is like the morning mist, **like the dew that goes early away.**

Therefore, I have hewn them by the prophets, **and my judgement goes forth as the light.**  
For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, **and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'**  
Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Please join me in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying, 'God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.'

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world,

**God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,

**God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors,

**God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,

**God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,

**God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For all whom we have injured or offended,

**God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further your reign,

**God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember*

- *those preparing for baptism and confirmation;*
- *those serving through leadership in church and state;*
- *those looking for forgiveness;*
- *those misled by the false gods of this present age and*
- *all who are hungry.*

God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope so that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Change Our Hearts Gather 394**

***Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can be.  
change our minds, this time, Your life could make us free.  
We are the people Your call set apart, Lord, this time change our hearts.***

***Brought by your hand to the edge of your dreams. One foot in paradise, one in the waste.  
Drawn by your promises, still we are lured by the shadows and the chains we leave behind. But...  
Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can be.  
change our minds, this time, Your life could make us free.  
We are the people Your call set apart, Lord, this time change our hearts.***

***Now as we watch you stretch out your hands, offering abundance, fullness of joy.  
Your milk and honey seem distant, unreal, when we have bread and water in our hands. But..  
Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can be.  
change our minds, this time, Your life could make us free.  
We are the people Your call set apart, Lord, this time change our hearts.***

***Sow us the way that leads to your side, over the mountains and sands of the soul.  
Be for us manna, water from stone, light which says we never walk alone. And...  
Change our hearts this time, Your word says it can be.  
change our minds, this time, Your life could make us free.  
We are the people Your call set apart, Lord, this time change our hearts.***

Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Blessing*

***By the Holy Spirit Sent CP 176***

***By the Holy Spirit sent, Jesus to the desert went,  
that he might his children show how sin's power to overthrow.  
With a word he could have made bread from stones around him laid;  
yet till forty days were past, still he kept a holy fast.  
When the devil at his side tried to make him sin through pride,  
he would give no outward sign that he was God's son diving.  
Calmly he refused to win by a single act of sin  
of the whole wide world the throne; he would worship God along.***

*Since our loving Saviour thus kept a sacred Lent for us,  
we, through him, can conquer sin and a royal victory win.*

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**

Readings for next Sunday – March 28, 2021

**Palm Sunday**

Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11

At the Procession: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

At the Eucharist: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;

Philippians 2:5-11; Mk 14.1—15.47