

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Introit: *Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1*

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

I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

Kyrie

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** 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.
C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: *Jeremiah 31:31–34*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: *Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading: *Hebrews 5:1–10*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse (Lent)

- C** **Return to the Lord, your God,**
for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.

Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32–45

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Psalm 119:9-16

- ⁹How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
- ¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
- ¹¹I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
- ¹²Blessèd are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!
- ¹³With my lips I declare
all the just decrees of your mouth.
- ¹⁴In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.
- ¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
- ¹⁶I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

Sermon: “Being the Greatest” Mark 10:32-45

Nicene Creed

- C** **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** ...Lord, in your mercy:
C **Hear our prayer.**
- P** ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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
forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**