

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 21, 2021**

11 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION RITE 2 & HOLY BAPTISM

Opening hymn *O love how deep how broad how high* 448 (hymnal)

*Standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People:* *His mercy endures forever.*

*Celebrant:* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People:* *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

*Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People:* *One God and Father of all.*

The Kyrie S90 (hymnal)

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

Collect of the day 219 (prayer book)

I reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*People:* *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 51:1-13

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 judgment.

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.

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.

II reading — Hebrews 5:5-10

Reader: A reading from Hebrews.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

Gospel — John 12:20-33

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People: Glory to you, O 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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Homily

The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

301 (prayer book)

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Eleanor Hazel to receive the Sacrament of Baptism

*The Celebrants asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will with God’s help

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will with God’s help

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

304 (prayer book)

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* *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.*

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* *I will, with God's help.*

Prayers for the Candidate

305 (prayer book)

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us now pray for Eleanor who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen*

Thanksgiving over the Water

306 (prayer book)

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

307 (prayer book)

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying*  
Eleanor Hazel, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*The priest prays over the candidate, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying*

Eleanor, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*The newly baptized is given a candle lighted from the Paschal candle.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

*People* *And also with you.*

Anthem

*And Now Of Father, mindful of the love (versus 1-2)*

337 (hymnal)

The Holy Communion

361 (prayer book)

*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* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

*Celebrant and people*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The celebrant continues*

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.

*The Celebrant continues*

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 As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

*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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Post-communion prayer

365 (prayer book)

*The Celebrant says*  
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.

Prayer over the People

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.*

Closing hymn

*A mighty fortress in our God*

688 (hymnal)

Dismissal

366 (prayer book)

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