



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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✠ The Penitential Rite

Priest: In the name of the Holy One: Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

People: **whose mercy endures forever.**

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,

Let us confess our sins to God,

that we may be cleansed of all that separates us from God's love.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Dear God, we thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.

People: **Merciful God,
we have not loved you with our whole heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
forgive what we have been,
accept us as we are,
and guide what we shall be.
Strengthen us in your gift of eternal life,
as you shape us for glory. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Kyrie - Missa No. 6 (*Healey Willan*)

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Most merciful God,
by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ,
you created humanity anew.
May the power of his victorious cross
transform those who turn in faith
to him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: *Deb Deacon*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

Jeremiah 31.31-34

All: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 119.9-16 (*George Black*)

Refrain:



In - struct me in your sta - tutes, O God. _____

How can the young walk purely?

By keeping to your words.

With my whole heart I seek you;
Let me not stray from your commandments. **Refrain**

I treasure your promise in my heart,
That I may not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O God;
Instruct me in your statutes. **Refrain**

With my lips will I recite
All the judgments of your mouth.
I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees
Than in all manner of riches. **Refrain**

I will meditate on your commandments
And give attention to your ways.
My delight is in your statutes;
I will not forget your word. **Refrain**

Second Reading: *Susan Scott*

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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 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.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 5.5-10

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #706 (Gather) "Never the Blade Shall Rise"

Verse 1



1. Un-less a grain of wheat falls to the earth, falls to the earth and dies, it re-



mains on-ly a grain of wheat and nev-er the blade shall rise.

Refrain



For the grain of wheat pro - duc-es much fruit, but on-ly if it dies. Un-less a



grain of wheat falls to the earth, nev-er the blade shall rise.

Verse 2



2. The one who loves the world-ly life los-es the life so lived, while the



one who hates the life in this world pre-serves it to life e - ter-nal.

Verse 3



3. If an-y-one would serve me, come and fol-low me; come and fol-low me;



where I am, there will my ser-vant be.

The Gospel: *Susan Haig*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 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 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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 12.20-33

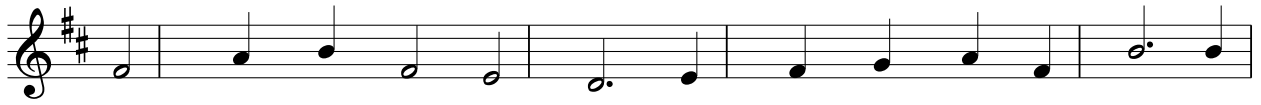
All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily: Susan Haig

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation

Hymn: #184 (Common Praise) "My Song Is Love Unknown"



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - iour's love to me; love
2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow; but
3. Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing, re -
4. Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
5. They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a
6. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine; nev -



to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be. O
all made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know; but
sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King; then
made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
mur - der - er they save, the prince of life they slay. Yet
er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine! This



who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
"Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
cheer - ful he to suf - fer ing goes, that he his foes from thence might free.
is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

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The Prayers of the People: *Paul Pynkoski*

Leader: My siblings in Christ,
we gather to acknowledge the eternal compassion, love,
and forgiveness of God, who binds us together in a beautiful global mosaic.
May our hearts be set on fire by the flame of God's love,
which purifies our thoughts and intentions.
May our lives be like clay on the potter's wheel,
shaped into the image of his beloved son, Jesus.
May we be filled with gratitude for the gifts of life, family, and friendship,
and for every blessing bestowed on us.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Eternal God; in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God our King;
may we, as the body of Christ, use our diverse talents and gifts to bring your light to the world.
May we live together in Christ's love, empowered by the Holy Spirit.
May we work for the justice of your Kingdom,
that all may live free from discrimination, hatred, oppression, and violence.
May we continue in the teachings of Jesus,
that your love and compassion be evident to all.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Eternal God; in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of all sovereignty,
everywhere we look there is conflict.
May your Kingdom be revealed on Earth as it is in heaven;
may your promise peace transcend all barriers, borders, and boundaries.
Make our hearts one, that the beauty of your image in humanity may be seen,
overcoming conflict, war, and violence.
We pray for our political leaders:
Mayor Tory, Premier Ford, Prime Minister Trudeau,
and the municipal, provincial, and federal governments in Canada.
We pray for leaders throughout our world, that they will govern with
justice and seek liberty, that all people may live peaceful lives.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Eternal God; in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Creator God, the heavens declare your glory,
and the firmament proclaims the work of your hands.
Each day is filled with your splendor, bringing new mercies and hope;
each night is filled with mystery and wonder.
You placed us here to preserve, protect, and care for the planet,
and to protect all life.
May we honour your creation, big and small, visible and invisible.

Free us from the greed which destroys the Earth, and harms through marginalization and poverty.

Let our lives, instead, mirror your generosity.

Strength us to take action for the love of the Earth,
and to serve the well-being of all.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Eternal God; in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of mercy,

you reconciled us to you through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus.

We pray that the spirit of reconciliation will guide our actions to honour the treaties made with Canada's Indigenous peoples.

We pray for the healing of relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, and with the land on which we gather to worship.

May your truth guide us as we jointly work to rebuild and restore the histories of First Nations peoples, enabling us to live in harmony and peace.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Eternal God; in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Loving God,

we pray for all those who are sick.

We pray for healing in our communities,

and ask for your sustaining as we await vaccination against the virus.

We pray, too, for the comfort of your love while we are separated from our families and friends.

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: Eternal God; in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of compassion,

we remember those who have died – those near to us and those far away;
those known to us, and those not known.

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Comfort those who mourn and fill their hearts with your presence.

We pause to name those who have died, aloud or in the chat.

Leader: Eternal God; in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of hope,
assured of your presence with us in an uncertain world
may we hold firm your promises.
We offer our prayers to you, who knows our hearts and minds before we speak,
and what we need before we ask.
We do so in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **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.**

The Doxology: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: Glory to God,

All: **whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Departing Hymn: #395 (Gather) "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door"



Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door; Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door; O



sin-ner, why don't you an-swer? Some-bod-y's knock-in at your door.



1. Knocks like Je - sus, Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door. Knocks like
2. Can't you hear him? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door. Can't you
3. Je - sus calls you, Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door. Je - sus
4. Can't you trust him? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door. Can't you



Je - sus, Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door. O
hear him? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door. O
calls you, Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door. O
trust him? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door. O

sin-ner, why don't you
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Ministry Updates: *Steven Mackison*

The Blessing: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: May God, who keeps covenant with us,
write the law on our hearts.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: May Christ,
who was glorified through sacrifice,

bring us to eternal life.

People: Amen.

Priest: May the Holy Spirit,
who abides with us,
sustain us on our journey to the cross and beyond.

People: Amen.

Priest: And may the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier
be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

The Dismissal: *Susan Haig*

Priest: God has forgiven your iniquity and remembers your sin no more.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Ministry Updates

Compline at 8 PM

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in each Friday's eNews.

A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021

Are you looking to undertake a fast during Lent that focuses on creation and issues related to the climate crisis? The Bishop's Committee on Creation Care has produced A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021 to provide a fast for each week of Lent: a meat fast, a consumption fast, a food waste fast, a water fast, an injustice fast, an electricity fast and an ignorance fast. May this [resource](#) be part of your Lenten observance.

If you are interested in a reflection group to support your participation in the fast, please [register](#) and we will contact you with further details.

Living our Questions: A Small-Group Experience with Fellow Seekers

Is there a "sticking point" in your experience of Christian community? It's easy to feel isolated with our sticking points, but we're not. Learning@Redeemer invites you to share the questions you live with in a safe, confidential circle of fellow seekers. A group of 10 to 12 participants will begin meeting shortly after Easter, with the special invitation to share your "sticking points." We'll start by sharing from the heart about our journeys. In our later meetings, we'll take up the topics that members most want to explore and take turns leading discussion on. More details are on our [website](#), and [registration](#) is open.

Too Deep For Words: Mid-day Prayer

Join our Incumbent, Steven Mackison, for mid-day prayer beginning on Ash Wednesday and each day through Lent (except Sunday). We gather through Zoom at 12:15 PM to hear scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. To learn more about this service, read Steven's letter [here](#).

All Creatures Great & Small

The pilot project has passed, but the Pastoral Care Team and Creation Matters wants to hear from you. The goal of the project was to nurture and build our experience of community during the disconnection of the pandemic through our love for the significant

creatures in our lives. We invite you to complete [this short survey](#) to assist us with future planning for similar projects.

If you have not seen the interviews but would like to receive them, email twilliams@theredeemer.ca.

Intercessions

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form [here](#).

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

Future Ministry Updates

For all future announcement or ministry updates, please email twilliams@theredeemer.ca by Wednesday each week for your contribution to be included in the following Sunday bulletin.