

Christ Church Trumbull
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 3, 2022

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 148 “Creator of the Earth and Skies (v. 1,2, & 5)

Creator of the earth and skies,
To whom all truth and power belong,
Grant us your truth to make us wise;
Grant us your power to make us strong.

We have not known you: to the skies
Our monuments of folly soar,
And all our self-wrought miseries
Have made us trust ourselves the more.

Teach us to know and love you, Lord,
And humbly follow in your way.
Speak to our souls the quickening word,
And turn our darkness into day.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All **His mercy endures forever.**
Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Litany of Penitence

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

**All Most holy and merciful Father:
We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

All We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

All We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

All We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

All We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

All Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

All That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

All Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

All Christ have mercy.

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

The First Lesson.....Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
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.
The wild animals will honour me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 (*said responsively by whole verse*)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
 we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
 and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Then it was said among the nations,
 ‘The LORD has done great things for them.’

**The LORD has done great things for us,
 and we rejoiced.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.**

Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,

**Shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

The Epistle Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 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; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 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 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. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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. 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, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Sequence Hymn 288 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

Praise to God, immortal praise,
for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous source of every joy,
let thy praise our tongues employ:

all to thee, our God, we owe,
source whence all our blessings flow.

All the plenty summer pours;
autumn's rich o'erflowing stores;
flocks that whiten all the plain;
yellow sheaves of ripened grain:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise
grateful vows and solemn praise.

As thy prospering hand hath blessed,
may we give thee of our best;
and by deeds of kindly love
for thy mercies grateful prove;
singing thus through all our days
praise to God, immortal praise.

The Gospel John 12:1-8

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon..... Dinushka De Silva

The Nicene Creed

**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 Prayers of the People

Reader As we begin this time of prayer for one another, our community, and our world, I invite any prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries, or healing.

Reader prays for all prayer requests.

Prayer Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, we pray to you, O Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for an end to war, gun violence, and racism, and for the protection of all who are in harms way, we pray to you, O Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, those who suffer, and for all who have commended themselves to our prayers especially Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Linda, Dorothy, Albert, Bill, Tom, Peter, Sue, Ray, Susie, Craig, Sophia, Ron, and Debbie we pray to you, O Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died especially Richard Taylor and Jane Benedict Flader, that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

All To you, O Lord our God.

Silence then Celebrant offers prayer for Ukraine and this concluding prayer:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept our prayers and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Announcements

Maundy Thursday: Maundy Thursday is on April 14th. Christ Church invites you to gather together with others in your home or to do your own Maundy Thursday service with your family. Look to the CCT eNews for information and resources to help you plan your Maundy Thursday at home meal.

Below is our schedule for worship services for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday:

April 10 - Palm Sunday:

7:30am: Neighborhood Walk with Palms

9am: Worship Service at CCT (in-person and online)

April 15 - Good Friday:

5:30pm: Tenebrae Service in the tradition of Taize at CCT with Grace & Trinity Nichols

April 17 - Easter Sunday:

7am: Sunrise Service at Twin Brooks

9am: Easter Service at CCT (in-person and online)

Meditation Group: 1st & 3rd Mondays:

Join us at noon on zoom for Meditation Group. All are welcome to join in for meditation and fellowship. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

Prayer Group: 2nd, 4th & 5th Mondays:

Our Prayer Group will meet at noon on zoom. This is a virtual space to pray as a group for those in need. All are welcome to join. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

Please stand

Offertory Hymn 525 “The Church's One Foundation”

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,

by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Celebrant and People

**All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are 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

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

The Celebrant continues

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**All We praise you, we bless you,
 we give thanks to you,
 and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.**

Celebrant 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.

Solo by Matthew Johnson “Old Rugged Cross”

As you listen to the music selections, we invite you to pray silently the prayer of spiritual communion if you are virtually joining us or the post-communion prayer if you are in person and have received communion.

Prayer of Spiritual Reception *(silently)*

Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in this Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I receive this bread and this wine in my heart, mind, and spirit. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer *(silently)*

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.

We encourage you in this time to reflect on what has stood out for you in our worship together. What is God inviting you to in the week ahead?

Blessing *(please stand)*

Celebrant Remember friends, as we go, that life is short. And we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn 398 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**