

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*
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. *Amen.*

The First Lesson *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.

The Psalm **Psalm 119:9-26** *In quo corrigi?*

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord; instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

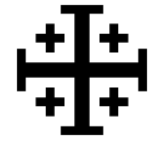
16 My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Said together:
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson *Hebrews 5:5-10*
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.

Hymn *Hail, thou once despised Jesus!* **H 495**



Gospel Lesson *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 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.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**
Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People V **BCP 389**
We pray together as the people of God

Confession & Absolution **BCP 360**
We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace *We share the joy of the Good News!*



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory *Great God and God of our Salvation* **Mueller**

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes
*O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in three-fold Name adored,
from age to age, the only Lord* *from H 143, v. 5*

Eucharistic Prayer “C” **BCP 369**
Sanctus **Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S129**
The Lord’s Prayer **Traditional version, found on BCP 364**
Agnus Dei **H-S 161**
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.

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament
All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail.
Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

Strengthen for service, Lord H 312
What wondrous love is this H 439
And now, O Father, mindful of the love H 337

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *When I survey the wondrous cross* H 474

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by Betty Nash and Charlie Blevins. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

Birthdays This Week: Walt Sowers and Brenda Warden

Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolyte Becky Beckett Becky Kersey Will Puckett
Lectors David Hardin Becky Beckett
Chalicists Becky Kersey Brian McCoy
Altar Guild Becky Beckett Carol Georgis Patty Richardson

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders--Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Edi—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Joan—Ragen—Marion Lowe—Jared Cregger—Peyton Cline and family—Kerrigan Farmer—Mike—Daisy Bowman—Linda Thomas and family

Calendar of Events

Tuesday – March 20 DOK Meeting 10:30am
Wednesday – March 21 Lenten Dinner – Potato Bar 6:00 pm
Sunday – March 25 Palm Sunday
Wednesday – March 28 Union Mission Dinner 4:30pm
Thursday – March 29 Maundy Thursday
Foot Washing 5:30pm
Seder Meal 6:00 pm
Friday – March 30 Good Friday
Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon
Vigil 12:00 – 3:00pm
Solemnity 6:00 pm
Sunday – April 1 Easter Sunday Festival Eucharist 10:00am

Attendance Last Sunday 48

Announcements:

Lenten Dinner: This year's theme will be on Christian spirituality and mindfulness, led by Dr. Assaad Mounzer. Dinner will be carry in or catered. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend!

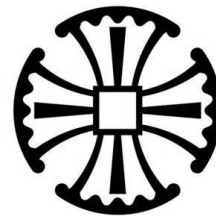
Lent Madness: It's that time of year again! Get your copy of the 2018 Sainly Scorecard at the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Read the short biographies of the saints each day and vote for your favorite at www.lentmadness.org. Who will win this year's Golden Halo?

Coffee Hour: We are in need of volunteers for Coffee Hour!

Easter Lilies: A sign-up sheet for those who would like to purchase Easter lilies is available at the Usher's Table in the Narthex. Lilies will be \$15 and may be given in memory or honor of a loved one.

Lenten Dinner Wednesday March 21th: See signup sheet in the Narthex listing items needed for the Potato Bar (White and Sweet). See Mary Catherine Williams if you have questions.

Seder Meal: Our Maundy Thursday Memorial of the last Supper will be a Christian Seder. A Full Meal will be provided. There is no cost to attend. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex by Sunday, March 25th so we can have an accurate count for food preparation. Thank You!



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Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster
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March 18, 2018

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I glory* H 441

The Reading of the Decalogue BCP 350

During Lent we are reminded of God's Law, as symbolized by the Ten Commandments. Following the reading of each of the Commandments, please respond with, *Amen. Lord have mercy.*

The Trisagion H-S 102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.