

The Church of St. Paul, Cambria

Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist

• Fifth Sunday in Lent • Year B • March 17, 2024 •

Opening Hymn 686

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear, O God, the eternal echo of the prayers and supplications your Son offered when, to establish the new and everlasting covenant, he became obedient even unto death on the cross. Through all the trials of this life, bring us to a deeper, more intimate share in Christ's redeeming passion. That we may produce the abundant fruit of that seed that falls to the earth and dies we now lift our voices making our confession of sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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. Amen.

Lord, open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

If we say we have no sin, we deceived ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 John 1:8,9*)

Psalm 67:1-5 Deus misereatur
O God, be merciful to us and bless us,

show us the light of your countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Psalm 119:9-16

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.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

First Lesson reading is from the Prophet 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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle F: **A Song of Lamentation** *Lamentations*
1:12,16; 3:19,22-24,26

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? * Look
and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
Which was brought upon me, * inflicted by God's
fierce anger.

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears, *
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my
courage.

Remember my affliction and my bitterness, *
wormwood and gall!

The steadfast love of God never ceases, * God's
mercies never end.

They are new every morning; * great is your
faithfulness.

"God is my portion," says my soul, * "therefore will
I hope in God."

It is good that we should wait quietly * for the
coming of God's salvation.

The **second lesson** is from 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. This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle H: **A Song of Hosea** *Hosea* 6:1-3

Come, let us return to our God, * who has torn us
and will heal us.

God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, *
after two days revive us,

On the third day restore us, * that in God's
presence we may live.

Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the
Lord, * whose justice dawns like morning light,
its dawning as sure as the sunrise.

God's justice will come to us like a shower, * like
spring rains that water the earth.

The Holy **Gospel** of our Lord according to John
(12:20-33) **Glory to you, Lord 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Special Music

Here follows An affirmation of faith,

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom,
power and love, whose mercy is over all his
works, and whose will is ever directed to his
children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of
man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the
ground of our hope, and the promise of our
deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine
presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in
perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and
find strength and help in time of need.**

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The hour has come; now is the time to glorify God's name. Let us intercede for the church and for all God's creation, turning to God and saying: Lord, your kingdom come.

(Please take turns reading one or more of these petitions, as the Spirit moves you.)

You are our God: may those who are poor and those who are rich, those near and those far, welcome your covenant of peace, (silence) we pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

We are your people: be with those who will receive your promise in baptism at Easter. (silence) we pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

You honor those who choose to serve: Help us to be true followers of your servant Son. (silence) we pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

We know that we must die so that we may truly live: strengthen all who suffer in mind or body, (silence) we pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

You draw all people to yourself: bring us out of our slavery to possessions and away from the desire for wealth, (silence) we pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

You are the just God of all the children of Abraham: may Jew, Christian, and Muslim, live together and worship in harmony and peace, (silence) we pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

You are the God of those who suffer: may you grant the people of Iraq safety in the midst of civil war, care at the hands of the world community, and freedom to live in peace, (silence) we pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

You are the Lord of Hosts: guide, direct and protect those who must fight on the field of battle. May their efforts and sacrifice result in a lasting and just peace., (silence) we pray: **Lord, your kingdom come.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Lord God, show us the way of obedience through patient endurance and the way of glory through the law written in our hearts. Hear our prayers and come to our aid. We pray through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn 645

Prayer over the gifts: Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

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 people stand or kneel as they are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love . . .

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, . .

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.**

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us:

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Behold the Righteous One, who was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

Communion of the People

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Faithful God, help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you. Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessings

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens,, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary/Thanksgiving Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. Amen.

Closing hymn 488

Dismissal

Saved by faith and created in Christ for good works,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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