

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 21, 2021**  
**Christ Church of Exeter**  
**10:00 a.m. on Zoom and YouTube Live**

*Officiant:* The Rev. Mark Pendleton  
*Assigned to read the part of the People:* Laura Smith  
*Lectors:* Barb Cutting and Walter Levesque  
*Chapel:* Sally Farrell  
*Preacher:* (via video) The Most Rev. Michael Curry  
*Cantor and Tech Assistant:* Maggie O'Neill  
*Liturgical and Tech Assistant:* Sally Farrell  
*Organist:* Bruce Adami

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#### **Video of the week:**

Goin' Home, sung by Paul Robeson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9smSP1dq-A>

**Service of Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and YouTube Live**

**The Book of Common Prayer**

**(Start by 9:57)**

Prelude: Jesus, All My Gladness W. F. Zachau

**(Spotlight on Mark )**

**Welcome**

*The Collect of 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.*

**Opening Sentence** pg. 76 in the Book of Common Prayer

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." *Luke 15:18, 19*

**A Confession**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**(Spotlight on People)**

*Officiant and People together,*

Lord Jesus, you come into our lives when we  
are least prepared for you.

As you enfolded your betrayers,  
so embrace us who struggle to love.

Reconcile us with our sisters and brothers,  
and, for the sake of your love,  
forgive us all our sins.

**(Spotlight on Mark)**

Assurance of Pardon *from Psalm 103:11-13* 80

As far as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your loving response to those who are humble;  
so far does your enduring strength  
uphold those who face the darkness within.  
As parents are concerned for their children,  
so you come to those who reach out in faith.

### The Invitatory

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

### (Spotlight on People)

*People* 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.

### (Spotlight on Mark)

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

### (Spotlight on People)

Come, heavenly comforter and spirit of truth,  
Blowing everywhere and filling all things.  
Treasury of blessings and giver of life:  
Come and abide in us;  
cleans us from every impurity,  
and, in your great goodness, save us.

or

*People:* The *Venite* can be found on page 82 in the Book of Common Prayer

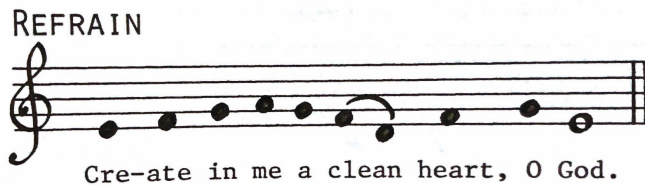
*Venite*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
 and a great King above all gods.  
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.  
 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God,  
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

(Spotlight on Maggie)

Psalm 51:1-13 found on page 656 in the Book of Common Prayer



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
 in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
 and cleanse me from my sin.

**Refrain**

- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
 and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
 and done what is evil in your sight.

**Refrain**

- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
 and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*

a sinner from my mother's womb.

**Refrain**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

**Refrain**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.

**Refrain**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**Refrain**

The Lessons

**(Spotlight on Reader)**

*Reader:* This morning's first reading is from 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 Reader says* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**(Recorded Gospel reader)**

The Gospel 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.

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**Chapel Talk (Sally)**

Hymn 471 We sing the praise of Him who died

Homily **(Video of the Presiding Bishop)**

**(Then after homily, Mark will introduce Apostles' Creed)**

The Apostles' Creed pg. 96 **(Spotlight on People)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
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.  
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. Amen.

### (Spotlight on Reader)

#### Prayers of the People

We come before our loving and gracious God, asking that God's grace and love be kindled in our hearts and spoken on our lips. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Silence*

We pray for our spiritual leaders, that they may speak your truth and call your people into deeper discipleship. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Silence*

That we may support the leadership of this nation in the pursuit of peace and justice for all people. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Silence*

That with compassion we may respond to the needs of the world, neighbors near and far. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Silence*

That we may speak comfort to those who suffer in any way and offer hope to those who grieve. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Silence*

That we may live your truth in our lives as we confess your truth with our lips.

*Silence*

Let us offer our prayers now for those in our extended community in need of healing and strength

**(Spotlight on Mark)**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow using the chat function.*

*Silence — Add your prayers, aloud or in your hearts*

Herb Carey, Randall, Billie, Maia, David, Tom, Richard , Margaret Rose & Family, Nesta, Pat, Karen, Will, Patrick

All this we ask, O Lord, in Jesus's name, the one who lived and moved among us in our broken world, and who loves us still. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us pray our Lord's Prayer

**(Spotlight on People)**

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.

(Spotlight on Mark)

*The Offertory and Announcements (Highlight from Enews)*

Offertory Music	Largo, from <i>The Symphony No. 9 in E Minor</i> Christ Church Ringers	Antonin Dvorak, arr. Kreisler/O'Neill
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But do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.  
*Hebrews 13:15,16*

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

(Spotlight on People)

People say: **Let us Pray:**

**A Prayer for Courage**

Courage comes from the heart  
and we are always welcomed by God,  
the heart of all being.

We bear witness to our faith,  
knowing that we are called  
to live lives of courage,  
love and reconciliation  
in the ordinary and extraordinary  
moments of each day.

We bear witness, too, to our failures  
and our complicity in the fractures of our world.

May we be courageous today.

May we learn today.

May we love today.

Amen

Amen.

*or*

Holy One, we bless your name and thank you for the gift of this day:

May the Light of the world guide us, the Life of the world refresh us,

and the Hope of the world be our companion,

that we may be the reconciling power of Christ in the world.

We ask this for your mercy's sake. Amen.

*Or*

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love,

from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. *Amen.*

(The World Peace Prayer)

**(Spotlight on Mark)**

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

**(Mark to announce hymn)**

**Hymn 686** Come, thou fount

Postlude:

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Emma Lou Diemer

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