

**~St. Stephen's Mission Statement~  
Sharing God's love and bringing hope through ministry and service.**



**The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
April 3, 2022**

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude on HERZLIEBSTER JESU*

Johann Cruger, arr. Gordon Young

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*We're Marching to Zion*

Robert S. Lowry

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
we're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.  
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;  
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Penitential Order**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* His mercy endures for ever.

**DECALOGUE**

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*The Decalogue is said, the People kneeling.*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

Honor your father and your mother.  
***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

You shall not commit murder.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not commit adultery.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not steal.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not be a false witness.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*Amen. Lord have mercy.*

*The Celebrant may read this sentence*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and People*

**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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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.**

### TRISAGION *Holy God*

S 100 (Hurd)

*The following is sung, all standing*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*        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.**

## The Lessons

**FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 43:16-21*

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM:** *Psalms 126*

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*

**then were we like those who dream.**

<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*

**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

<sup>3</sup>Then they said among the nations, \*

**“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

<sup>4</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, \*

**and we are glad indeed.**

<sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*

**like the watercourses of the Negev.**

<sup>6</sup>Those who sowed with tears \*

**will reap with songs of joy.**

<sup>7</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*

**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**SECOND READING:** *Philippians 3:4b-14*

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>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; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I

have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>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 <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

***People***           **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *All stand.*

“Lift High the Cross“ (Verses 1, 3-4)

**H 473** *Crucifer*

*Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied tree,  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

**GOSPEL:** *John 12:1-8*

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(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.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Victor C. Hailey

**THE CREED**

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*All stand.*

**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

*Kneel as you are able.*

**Celebrant:** Sisters and brothers, the Lord has done great things for us. With glad and thankful hearts, let us pray, “Fix our hearts where joy is found; *Lord, hear our prayer.*”

**Litanist:** Do a new thing in your Church, O Lord. From our dry places spring forth new life. Refresh your bishops, priests, and deacons. Refresh all Christians in their vocations. And we offer thanks for those in the fellowship of the faith in our Diocese: St. John’s in-the-Village, Waverly; Church of St. Katherine of Alexandria, Baltimore; and Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Baltimore; and in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Church of Nigeria. (*Silence*) Fix our hearts where joy is found;

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Litanist:** Restore the dreams of those who have lost hope. Among the swift and varied changes of the world, be a strong foundation on which all can rely. (*Silence*) Fix our hearts where joy is found;

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Litanist:** Give water in dry places. Remove the suffering of those who live with drought. Bring water, quench thirst, and give growth in desperate lands. (*Silence*) Fix our hearts where joy is found;

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Litanist:** We pray, O God, for the poor. Be merciful to victims of theft. Restore the fortunes of those devastated by dishonest men and women. Never forget the lives of your poor. (*Silence*) Fix our hearts where joy is found;

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Litanist:** Let those who sow with tears, reap with songs of joy. Fill down-turned mouths with shouts of joyful deliverance. Restore your people, O Lord. For Parish members and friends who are ill, infirm, or in need, including Emily Wolf, Chuck Sands, Sue Hoge and her family, Jim Dietrich, Joe, Jeanne Centofanti Jensen, Toni Hoffer, Phil Hoge, Eloise Hendrixson, Mary and Scott Vining, Loretta March, Tracy, Leonard Tabor, Mae, Kate, Diana, Noah Enzo-Torres, Bill Murphy, George, Buddy, Larry, Debra, Evelyn Ellis, Colleen Larsen, Bill and Carolyn, Sally, Earnie Curles, and those we name with our lips or in our hearts; those who have been deployed and put in harm’s way to defend our country; and those who work for the safety of our communities and the security of our country. (*Silence*) Fix our hearts where joy is found;

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Litanist:** O God, we long to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. Even as we share in his suffering, even as we die, may we, and all who die, attain the resurrection of the dead. We pray for the repose of the soul of Matthew Versis, for whom the candle in the sanctuary is offered by his father, Bob Versis. (*Silence*) Fix our hearts where joy is found;

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

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**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION: Eucharistic Prayer C

## OFFERTORY

*Just As I Am, Lord*

Don Besig, quoting William B. Bradbury

Through all the trials which life sends my way, through all the troubles I face each day:  
shadows and clouds may bring doubt and fear, but Lord, I know you are near.  
Sometimes the darkness seems empty and cold, sometimes I search for a hand to hold.  
Lost and uncertain of what to do, I find my courage in you.  
*Just as I am, without one plea, for you, O Lord, will comfort me.*  
*Your love alone will set me free! O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*  
I am not worthy but still you forgive, teaching me patiently how to live.  
Humble and thankful, I come to you with love so faithful

## The Great Thanksgiving

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*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
***By your will they were created and have their being.***

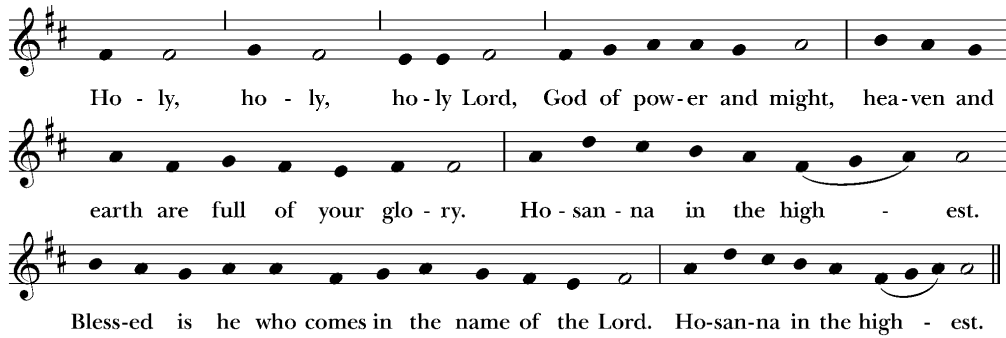
From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
***By his blood, he reconciled us.***  
***By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS** *Holy, holy, holy*  
*Celebrant and People*

S 124 (Hurd)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

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And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers; God of Sarah, Rebecca, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

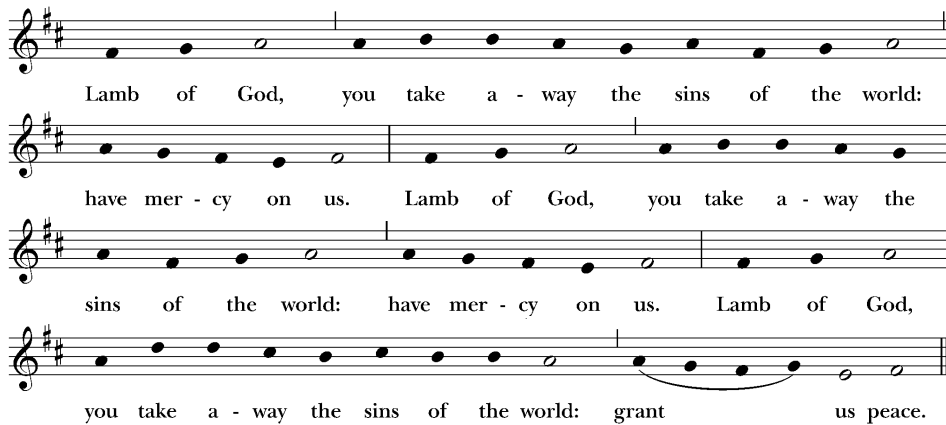
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**



# The Breaking of the Bread

## FRACTION ANTHEM *Lamb of God*

S 161 Hurd



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.  
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Prelude* on DETROIT  
("Forgive our sins as we forgive")

Melody from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*,  
arr. G. Winson Cassler

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

from the *Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

“When I survey the wondrous cross”

**H 474** (*Rockingham*)

*Verses 1, 3-4*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an  
Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## DISMISSAL

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Voluntary in B-flat*

Jonathan Battishill

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*The candle in the sanctuary this week is given by Bob Versis to the glory of God and in memory of his son,  
Matthew, brother to Andrew and Nicholas.*

*Gone from this physical earth but never from our thoughts and memory.*

*We love you, son.*

