

*5th Sunday in*

# LENT

*Welcome to our home!  
We would love for you to  
join our family!*

*April 6, 2025*

# We Gather for Worship

*The ministers enter in silence.*

## Opening Acclamation

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

## Decalogue

*Please kneel, sit, or stand.*

*Officiant:* 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.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Officiant:* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Officiant:* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Officiant:* Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Officiant:* Honor your father and your mother.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Officiant:* You shall not commit murder.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Officiant:* You shall not commit adultery.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Officiant:* You shall not steal.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Officiant:* You shall not be a false witness.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Officiant:* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

## Opening Sentence

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

*Officiant:* Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."  
*Mark 8:34*

## Confession

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*Please sit or kneel.*

*Officiant:* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy .

*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.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### Invitatory

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*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* O Lord, open our lips;

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All:* **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. Alleluia!**

### Antiphon for Lent

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*Officiant:* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

### Venite: Psalm 95:1-7

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*Officiant:* Come, let us sing to the Lord;

*People:* **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

*Officiant:* Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving

*People:* **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

*Officiant:* For the Lord is a great God,

*People:* **and a great King above all gods.**

*Officiant:* In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

*People:* **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

*Officiant:* The sea is his, for he made it,

*People:* **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

*Officiant:* Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

*People:* **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*Officiant:* For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*People:* **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

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### Psalm 126

*Read responsively by half verse.*

*Reader 1:* When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

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

*Reader 1:* Then was our mouth filled with laughter,

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

*Reader 1:* Then they said among the nations,

*People:* **"The Lord has done great things for them."**

*Reader 1:* The Lord has done great things for us,

*People:* **and we are glad indeed.**

*Reader 1:* Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

*People:* **like the watercourses of the Negev.**

*Reader 1:* Those who sowed with tears

*People:* **will reap with songs of joy.**

*Reader 1:* Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,

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

*Reader 1:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

*People:* **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **We Hear God's Word**

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21**

*Please be seated*

*Reader 1:* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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 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, 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.**

### **Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah: Isaiah 12:2-6**

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*In Unison*

*All:* **Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

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

*Reader 2:* A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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 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.**

**Sequence Hymn: #147**

**Now let us all with one accord  
(v. 1-2 before, 3-4 after Gospel)**

*Please stand and sing.*

**Gospel: John 12:1-8**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

*People:* **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."

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily:** Stephen Bradley

*Please be seated.*

**Apostles' Creed**

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.**

## **We Pray**

**Lord's Prayer**

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*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **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.**

## Suffrages: Set A

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Please be seated

*Officiant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People:* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People:* **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People:* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People:* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant:* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People:* **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People:* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People:* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## Collect of the Day

*The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* 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.**

## Collect for Peace

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*Officiant:* O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for Guidance

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*Officiant:* Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect for the Parish and Search Process

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*Officiant:* Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind, especially as we go through our search process. Guide us to the priest that you want us to have; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Collect for Mission

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*Officiant:* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Reader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, especially...

*People:* **St. David's, Oklahoma City; Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast; Diocese of East Carolina; Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.**

*Reader:* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, especially...

*People:* **Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Katherine and B.J., our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.** *(Silence.)*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially our leaders...

*People:* **Donald, our President; J.D., our Vice-President; Josh, our Congressman; James and Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Patrick, our Mayor.**

*Reader:* That we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(Silence.)*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially...

*People:* **Cedric, Kelli, Joel, and Alex.**

*Reader:* And grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Silence.)*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially...

*People:* **Ronnie, Mike, John, Stuart, Nancy, Catheryne, Jennifer, Paula, Ched, Phillip, Roger, Patricia, Leslie, Anna, Jonathan, D.G., Lester, Mark, Falling family, Joe, Connie, Dorothy, Marlene, Dusty, Larry, Manuel, Sharon those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence.)*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, *(especially...)* that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *(Silence.)*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.*

**Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers**

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*Please be seated.*

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

**For a Birthday**

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*Officiant:* Let us pray. Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide they wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn: #649**

***O Jesus joy of loving hearts***

*Remain seated.*

**We Go Out To Do Our Work**

**Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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*All:* **Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: #498**

***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

*Please stand and sing.*

**Sending**

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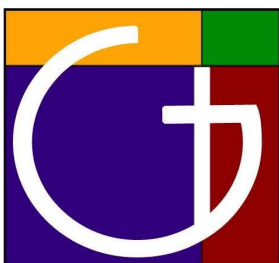
*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Officiant:* 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*

*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

*Officiant:* 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.** *Ephesians 3:20-21*



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