THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Anglican Church in North America

(PASSION SUNDAY)

Year B

Seasonal Greeting

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

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 this 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.**

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, **32** not like the cove-
nant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to
bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was
their husband, declares the LORD. **33** For this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel after those days, declares 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. **34** And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and
each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from
the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their
iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalter Verses

(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)

Psalm 51 or 51:10-15

([1] Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great goodness; *
according to the multitude of your mercies wipe away my offences.

[2] Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

[3] For I acknowledge my faults, *
and my sin is ever before me.

[4] Against you only have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight, *
so that you are justified in your sentence, and blameless in your judgment.

[5] Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness, *
and in sin my mother conceived me.

[6] But behold, you desire truth in the inward parts *
and shall make me understand wisdom secretly.

[7] You shall purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; *
you shall wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

[8] You shall make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.

[9] Turn your face from my sins, *
and blot out all my misdeeds.)

[10] Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

[11] Cast me not away from your presence, *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

[12] O give me the comfort of your help again, *
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.

[13] Then shall I teach your ways unto the wicked, *
and sinners shall return unto you.

[14] Deliver me from blood-guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

[15] O Lord, open my lips, *
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

([16] For you desire no sacrifice, or else I would give it to you; *
but you delight not in burnt-offerings.

[17] The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you shall not despise.

[18] O be favorable and gracious unto Zion; *
may you build up the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then you shall be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the
burnt-offerings and oblations; *
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.)

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:(14-16) 5:1-10

(Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a
high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in
every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with
confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and
find grace to help in time of need.)

5 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf
of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal
gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.
3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does
for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only
when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appoint-
ed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

6 as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud
cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard
because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through
what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal
salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a high priest after the
order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 12:20-33(34-36)

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks.
21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him,
"Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip

went and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

27 "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." 30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." 33 He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

(34 So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" 35 So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.)

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Offertory and Post-Communion Sentences

(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)

Proper Preface

Lent

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.

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