

Sunday March 17, 2024 ~ 5th Sunday in Lent

St. Patrick's Day



10 am Holy Communion

St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, Oregon

Celebrant, Rev. Robert Morrison

**Remember: Alleluias are omitted during Lent. They will return for Easter.**

Celebrant : Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People : His mercy endures for ever.**

*(The Decalogue is said, the people standing or kneeling.)*

Hear the commandments of God to his people: Celebrant

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.**

If we say that 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. *1 John 1:8,9*

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.**

Absolution

Celebrant

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** (Sing together)

**“Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us”** (3x)

**The Collect** (say together)

**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 is a reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34**

Lector

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.

- Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People
- Thanks be to God

**Psalm 51:1-13** *Miserere mei, Deus* (Said responsively, break at the “\*”)

Lector

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
**in your great compassion blot out my offenses.**

<sup>2</sup> Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, \*  
**and my sin is ever before me.**

<sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned \*  
**and done what is evil in your sight.**

<sup>5</sup> And so you are justified when you speak \*  
**and upright in your judgment.**

<sup>6</sup> Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
**a sinner from my mother’s womb.**

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

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

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

<sup>10</sup> Hide your face from my sins \*  
**and blot out all my iniquities.**

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

<sup>12</sup> Cast me not away from your presence \*

**and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

<sup>13</sup> Give me the joy of your saving help again \*

**and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## Second Lesson is a reading 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.

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- **Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

Cantor Leads/ Congregation Responds

**Response: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory –**

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Robert Morrison

Nicene Creed (BCP p.358)

Celebrant and People

***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.***

Prayers of the People (A special Form for Lent)

PotP Reader

Reader: In this holy season of Lent, we are called to a journey of self-examination and true repentance. Let us offer to God the yearnings of our own hearts, as well the needs of the Church and the world.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Diana, our Bishop; and for leaders of local churches everywhere. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

***All: In you is our help and strength.***

Reader: We pray for our nation and for those entrusted with making decisions for the well-being of all. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

***All: In you is our help and strength..***

Reader: We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live where wars are raging, and those without a place to lay their head. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

***All: In you is our help and strength.***

Reader: We pray for those who are ill (pause for remembrances, either silently or aloud), those in pain, those under stress, those who are lonely, and those whose earthly journey is coming to an end. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

***All: In you is our help and strength..***

Reader: We pray for those who have died (pause for remembrances, either silently or aloud), confident that your eternal light and abiding peace await all those who know and love you. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

***All: In you is our help and strength.***

Reader: We pray for St. Martin's parish family, that in this season of Lent, our lives may

be focused on deepening our relationship with Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. We lift our eyes to you, O God.

**All: In you is our help and strength.**

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you saved us from the flood and brought us through the wilderness. Hear our prayers for all peoples. Receive sons and daughters into your family, wash them in the waters of new life, and feed them with your bread and wine. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

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

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering & sacrifice to God.

**Hymn of Presentation** *'Doxology (sing to the tune Old One hundredth)*

**Praise God Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly hosts:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

### The Liturgy of the Table

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP p. 361

Celebrant

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 God 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:

Celebrant and People *(Let us say together)*

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant and People

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

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

**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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Celebrant

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**"Agnus Dei"** *(Sing Together)*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus Bearer of our Sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the World, give us your peace, give us your peace**

### Communion Hymn

**Instrumental: "Eat This Bread" - from Taize**

### Communion of the People

Celebrant / Eucharistic Minister

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion*

**Healing Prayers** -- *During Communion, people desiring healing prayer, after receiving the sacrament, should go to the kneeler behind the table for laying on of hands. Kneel if you are able, or stand. Others who wish to support those being blessed may join in the laying on of hands.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant

**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.*

Prayer for St. Martin's

Deacon

*God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries (front cover of the red prayer book)

Celebrant

Traveling Mercies

Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant

Closing Hymn #149

*"Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church"*

Dismissal

Deacon

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### **St. Patrick's Prayer:**

Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort me and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.