

**ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TAMPA, FL**



**Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 17, 2024**

**The Gathering of God's People**

**Opening Song**

*O, Bless The Lord My Soul*

*Hymnal #411*

1 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His grace to thee proclaim!  
And all that is within me join  
to bless his holy Name!

2 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His mercies bear in mind!  
Forget not all his benefits!  
The Lord to thee is kind.

3 He will not always chide;  
he will with patience wait;  
his wrath is ever slow to rise  
and ready to abate.

4 He pardons all thy sins,  
prolongs thy feeble breath;  
he healeth thine infirmities  
and ransoms thee from death.

5 He clothes thee with his love,  
upholds thee with his truth;  
and like the eagle he renews  
the vigor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

## **A Penitential Order: Rite Two Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 351**

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

*Priest* Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

*The Deacon or Celebrant then says*  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*Priest*  
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.*

**Kyrie(sung)**

**LEVAS #236**

*Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.*  
*Christ, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy on us.*  
*Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, have mercy on us*

**The Collect of the Day** (*in unison*)

*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 LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **The First Reading**

**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.

*Lector*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 51:1-13**

***Miserere mei, Deus***

**Refrain: Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

### **The Epistle Reading**

### **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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** *Your Word is a Lamp unto My Feet*

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
still You're there right beside me.  
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

*Refrain:*

*Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path x2*

2 I will not forget your love for me  
and yet my heart forever is wand'ring.  
Jesus be my guide, hold me by Your side  
and I will love You to the end. *(refrain)*

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 12:20-33**

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

*People* **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.

*To end, the Deacon says*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**      The Rev. Edward J. Henley  
*After the Sermon, we take a few moments to reflect on God’s word to us.*

**The Nicene Creed** (*in unison*)      **BCP, 358**

**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**

*At the end of each petition, the Deacon says* *We pray:*  
*The people respond* ***Have mercy, O Lord.***  
*At the close of the Prayers, the People respond* ***Amen***

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

*The Celebrant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory.*

***All are encouraged to make an offering in thanksgiving  
for all the blessings God has bestowed.***

*Gifts may be made on the parish website, [sjhoptpa.org](http://sjhoptpa.org),  
or by texting **sjhop** to 73256, or by postal mail to:*

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### **Offertory Anthem**

*All In All*  
SJHOP Choir

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)**

**BCP, 361**

*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. [\*or “our”, or “God”]**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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*

**Hymnal S-130**

**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.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 forever. AMEN.

**The Lord's Prayer** (*spoken*)

*Celebrant* 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Agnus Dei** (*sung*)

*Hymnal S-164*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.**

*The Celebrant invites the People to Communion, in these or similar words*

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.

### **A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those unable to worship with us in person**

*(if you are watching the live stream, please feel free to say this prayer during the sharing of Communion)*

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)***

## **Communion Hymns**

*Were You There*

*LEVAS #37*

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

4 Were you there when He rose up from the grave?  
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

*Heal Me, Hands Of Jesus*

1 Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain:  
restore my hope, remove my fear and bring me peace again.

2 Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away;  
let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

3 Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin;  
dispel the memories of guilt, and bring me peace within.

4 Fill me, joy of Jesus; anxiety shall cease  
and heavens serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

**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.**

**The Blessing (pronounced by the Priest; the People respond, Amen.)**

*All are seated for announcements.*

**THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE**

1 The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love;  
the Lord, the great I AM,  
by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name  
for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn:  
we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eagles-wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face,  
we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace  
for evermore.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King,  
the Lord, our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world and sin,  
the Prince of Peace;  
on Zion's sacred height  
his kingdom he maintains,  
and, glorious with his saints in light,  
for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry,  
"Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same,  
and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM,  
we worship thee."

5 The whole triumphant host  
give thanks to God on high;  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost”  
they ever cry;  
hail, Abraham’s Lord divine!  
With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine,  
and endless praise.

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

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



**Remember in your prayers** for healing, guidance, comfort, or strength

Camden Agboglo	Lydia Williams	Janelle Goodwin
Charnell Williams	Carol Moorehead	Peter Lockhart
Lucia Frett	Denise Andretta	Lejoan Franklin
Olivia Whittiker	Michael Carter	Margaret Booth
Jacquelyn Brown Reeder	Joe Buczek	Mozelle Rhodes
Clare Kennedy	Victor Ferguson	Dorothy Batson
Ivy Martin	Gina Norris	Delores Thomas
Mac Alexander	Margie Jefferson	Ruby Lockhart
Eleanor Solomon	Stella Jacob	Ernest Reese
Richard Grinnell	Deborah Blanchett	Warren Nunn
Morris Kennedy	Virginia McKinney	
Rick and Maureen Cybulski		

**Give thanks for...**

**Birthdays this week:** Deirdre Joseph (3/20), Brittani Sanders (3/21), Enid Mills (3/21)

**Anniversaries:** None This Week

**SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	The Rev. Edward J. Henley
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev'd Dr. Lynn Grinnell
<b>Musicians</b>	Julius James, SJHOP Choir
<b>Lector</b>	Cosmas Edwards and Deirdre Joseph
<b>Usher</b>	Judith Taylor-Young
<b>Camera Operator</b>	Leila Mizer



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