

St. Luke's Table

FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT

Anyone who serves me
must follow me,
says the Lord,
and where I am,
there shall my servant be also.

John 12.26



Majestas, Comper, Ninian, 1864-1960

Welcome and Good Morning!

A Service of Morning Prayer from the Supplementary to the Book of Alternative Services

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The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn:

Tree of Life And Awesome Mystery

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery, (6 verses)

**Tree of life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.**

**2. Seed that dies to rise in glory,
may we see ourselves in you;
if we learn to live your story
we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.**

**3. We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.**

**4. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew.
we may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.**

**5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow.
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.**

**6. Light of life beyond conceiving,
Mighty Spirit of our Lord;
Give new strength to our believing,
Give us faith to live your word,
Give us faith to live your word.**

The Symbols of Lent: The Coins

We lay before the cross today the bag of silver coins, payment given for betrayal of our Lord. Judas handed Jesus over to the authorities, hoping finally to force Jesus to demonstrate His power. The mission of Judas succeeded, but in a way he did not expect, and could not bear.

Lord Jesus, it is easier to be unfaithful to You than to give up our desire for earthly power. Help us say “no” to our quest for this world’s kingdoms. Help us say “yes” to the cross.



Judas pushed Jesus to bring a kingdom of earthly power, with swords and conquests.
Jesus established the Kingdom instead in humility and service, with forgiveness, and with sacrifice.
God's Kingdom came, strangely enough, not through the shedding of enemy blood, but through the shed blood of its Ruler.

**Lord Jesus, when we are tempted to reshape
the Kingdom of God for our own prestige,
profit, or power, help us say “no”
to the thirty pieces of silver.
Help us say “yes” to the cross.**

Judas wanted a king to take away his country's suffering. He received a High Priest who chooses to participate in those sufferings.

**Lord Jesus, the world seeks a life free from suffering.
You lived a life made perfect in suffering.
Help us say "no" to the way of the world.
Help us say "yes" to the way of the cross.**

Let us pray together,

Almighty God, you allowed Your Son to be perfected through suffering. Remind us today of our High Priest who meets us in our suffering.

In our sufferings, teach us obedience; mold us into His image, we pray. Amen.

The Bag of Coins is placed at the Cross.

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The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.

Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past,

and your purpose in the week to come;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
As we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**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 neighbours 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.**

Merciful God,
grant to us, your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord is our light and our life.

O come, let us worship.

Jubilate (alternating verses)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

The Collect of the Day

**Most merciful God,
by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ,
you created humanity anew.
May the power of his victorious cross
transform those who turn in faith
to him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation
of the Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 31: 31-34



4th c. Christian Mosaic
Lullingstone Chapel, Eynsford, England

Song of Mary, (alternating verses)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**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.**

Psalm 51: 1-13: (alternating verses)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.**

And so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgement.

**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading:
Hebrews 5: 5-10



Christ's Agony in the Garden -- Abbey of
Gethsemani, Trappist, KY

The Song of Simeon (alternating verses)

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace;
your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;**

a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people 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.**

Gradual Hymn:

By the Holy Spirit Sent, (5 Verses)

**By the Holy spirit sent,
Jesus to the desert went,
that he might his children show
how sin's power to overthrow.**

2. With a word he could have made bread from stones around him laid; yet till forty days were past, still he kept a holy fast.

3. When the devil at his side tried to make him sin through pride, he would give no outward sign that he was God's son divine.

**4. Calmly he refused to win
by a single act of sin
of the whole wide world the throne;
he would worship God alone.**

5. Since our loving Saviour thus kept a sacred Lent for us, we, through him, can conquer sin and a royal victory win.

The Good News

Gospel of Christ
according to
John 12: 20-33



Kansas Summer Wheat -- James Watkins,
photographer

Reflection



Garden of Gethsemane -- Stephen Sykes,
Coventry Cathedral, Coventry, UK

The Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say,

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.**

Prayers
of the People



Thanks-giving Chapel, Dallas, Texas

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests.

**Fulfill now 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
eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving,
and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Peace

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn:

Lord Jesus, Think on Me, (5 verses)

**Lord Jesus think on me
and purge away my sin:
from earthborn passions set me free
and make me pure within.**

**2. Lord Jesus, think on me,
with many a care oppressed;
let me thy loving servant be
and taste thy promised rest.**

**3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.**

**4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
and share thy joy at last.**

**5. Lord Jesus, think on me,
that I may sing above
to Father, Holy Ghost, and thee
the songs of praise and love.**

Prayer over the Gifts

**Eternal God,
your only Son suffered death upon the cross
to bring the world salvation.
Accept the praise and thanksgiving
we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

**for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness
of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory throughout all ages.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

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

Closing Hymn:

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus, (6 verses)

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear
Things I would ask him to tell me
if he were here
Scenes by the wayside tales of the sea
Stories of Jesus tell them to me**

**2. First let me hear how the children
stood round his knee
That I may know of his blessing
resting on me
Words full of kindness deeds full of grace
Signs of the love found in Jesus' face**

**3. Tell me in words full of wonder
how rolled the sea
Tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee
Jesus then doing His Father's will
Ended the storm saying
peace peace be still**

**4. Into the city I'd follow
the children's band
Waving a branch of the palm tree
high in my hand
Worshipping Jesus yes I would sing
Loudest hosannas for he is king**

**5. Show me that scene in the garden
of bitter pain
And of the cross where my Saviour
for me was slain
And through the sadness help me to see
How Jesus suffered for love of me**

**6. Gladly I'd hear of His rising
out of the grave
Living and strong and triumphant
mighty to save
And how he sends us all men to bring
Stories of Jesus, Jesus their king**

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