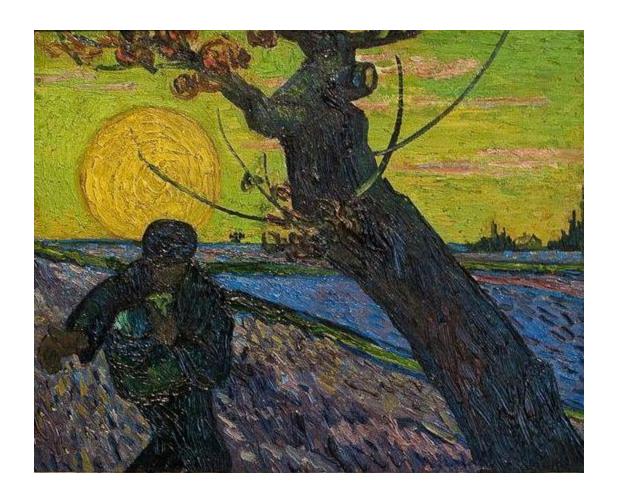
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Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024 10:00 AM

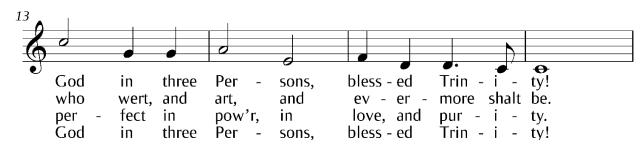
Note for parents: We love the "joyful noise" of kids and welcome them into our worship! If you need a quiet space, the rectory is open and available with toys and a diaper changing station. You are welcome there anytime or you can ask a greeter for help.

#### **PRELUDE**









WORDS: Reginald Heber MUSIC: John B. Dykes

#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

+Blessed be the God of our salvation.

All Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.** 

Celebrant

God be with you.

All

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

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.

God in three persons, blessed Trinity God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

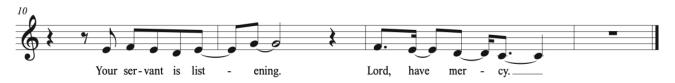
#### PREPARING TO LISTEN

## Please Speak









WORDS / MUSIC: Aaron Niequist

# **SCRIPTURE READING** | Jeremiah 31: 31–34

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

## **RESPONSIVE PSALM** | Psalm 119: 9–16

How shall a young man cleanse his way? By keeping to your words.

# With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.

I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.

# Blessed are you, O LORD; instruct me in your statutes.

With my lips will I recite all the judgments of your mouth.

# I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

# My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Please speak, Your servant is listening Please speak, Your servant is listening Please speak, Your servant is listening Your servant is listening Lord, have mercy.

+The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

# **GOSPEL** | John 12: 20–33

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children aged 3 and up are invited to a time of children's worship; they return to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. 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. Help us Lord to discern the times. *Silence* 

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence* 

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use her resources in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence* 

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, loving one another as he loves us. *Silence* 

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give us courage and hope in our troubles, and bring us the joy of your salvation. Draw us to the hope of your healing presence. *Silence* Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** 

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that they might know your eternal rest. *Silence* 

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

God of compassion, you know our faults and yet you promised to forgive. Keep us in your presence and give us your wisdom. Open our hearts to gladness, call dry bones to dance, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. **Amen**.

#### **CONFESSION**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### **PEACE**

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Fill out an information card or share a prayer request by using the QR code:



You can give in the offering box near the doors, through our website or by using the QR code:



#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

Take My Life and Let it Be

Take my life and let it be

Consecrated Lord to Thee

Take my love, my God, I pour

At Thy feet its treasure store

Take my hands, and let them move

At the impulse of Thy love

At the impulse of Thy love

Ever, only, all for Thee

Ever, only, all for Thee

Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King Always, only, for my King

WORDS/MUSIC: Frances R. Havergal

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

+Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant 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.

Gluten-free wafers are available by request. Please ask the priest when you approach.

# **COMMUNION HYMNS** Have Mercy

Holy God Holy God

Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One
Holy Immortal One

Have mercy, have mercy on us. Have mercy, (repeat) Have mercy,

Have mercy on us.

WORDS/MUSIC: Fernando Ortega

**Everything** 

God in my living, there in my breathing God in my waking, God in my sleeping God in my resting, there in my working God in my thinking, God in my speaking

Be my everything, be my everything Be my everything, be my everything

God in my hoping, there in my dreaming God in my watching, God in my waiting God in my laughing, there in my weeping God in my hurting, God in my healing Be my everything, be my everything Be my everything, be my everything

Christ in me, Christ in me
Christ in me, the hope of glory
You are everything
Christ in me, Christ in me
Christ in me, the hope of glory
Be my everything
(repeat)

Be my everything, be my everything (repeat)

WORDS/MUSIC: Tim Hughes

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

### FINAL BLESSING

**CLOSING HYMN** Everything (lyrics above)

#### **DISMISSAL**

All Thanks be to God.

Lent @ St. Peter's Chelsea: Sleep for a Weary World	
Reflection: Looking Back & Looking Forward with Aaron Niequist	

#### WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHELSEA!

We're so glad that you joined us for worship today! Please sign up for our email newsletter at www.stpeterschelsea.org, follow us on Instagram and Facebook @stpeterschelsea and find out more ways to get connected.

**TODAY! PALM SUNDAY CHORALE** Come sing with the St. Peter's Chorale on Palm Sunday! We'll rehearse right after church and then right before the service on Sunday, March 24. Rehearsal tracks will be available. Contact Jessica Smith at jessicalaurelsmith@gmail.com for more info.

**TODAY! LISTENING TO YOUR WISDOM WITHIN**, 11:30-12:30 in the Rectory. We regularly have a collection of inner voices, cues, and intuitions that give us information about what we think and feel. Sometimes these voices are loud and some we may have tuned out. In this workshop we will practice some exercises that will help us notice and pay attention to our inner wisdom. RSVP to Kimberly Malone at lindeninsights@gmail.com.

Also being offered online: Monday April 22 @ 7pm

**TONIGHT! LENTEN COMPLINE, 9 pm.** RSVP to rsvp@stpeterschelsea.org for the link.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR NORMA MILLIGAN, Saturday, March 23 at 1 pm.** Join us in remembering and giving thanks for Norma as we gather with her family, friends and others who have known and loved this remarkable woman. All are welcome.

#### HOLY WEEK: Walking in Solidarity with Jesus.

- Palm Sunday Service, Mar 24, 10 AM: with Prayer Walk Processional
- Maundy Thursday, Mar 28, 7 PM: Agape Meal & Service. RSVP to rsvp@stpeterschelsea.org.
- Good Friday, Mar 29, 7 PM: Jesus and the Justice System
- Easter Sunday, Mar 31, 10 AM: with Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch after (details below)

**EASTER (POTLUCK) BRUNCH!** This Easter, we thought it could be fun to once again come together to celebrate Easter as a church body with an Easter brunch in the rectory. It is open to all, including friends and guests who come for the Easter service. We just ask that you please RSVP to Ellie Price at gabrielleelizabethprice@gmail.com by March 25th (so we can make sure there's enough food for everyone). If you can make it and are able, we'd love for you to bring a dish, dessert or drink to share. Email Ellie and she will send you a link to sign up.

am I real? Dance Performance, April 19-20, 7 pm. Come support our very own Sarah Leñador! In 'am i real?' a Latin woman's quest for self-validation unfolds as she navigates a week-long journey within her apartment. The intricate dance questions sanity, employing magical realism, somatic psychology, and everyday props to explore the blurred edges of one woman's existence. Get tickets at www.babelmovement.org/performance.

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