

**An Order for  
The Fifth Sunday Before Lent  
Sunday, February 14, 2021 | 11:00 am EET**

**The Gathering**

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

**Prayers of Penitence**

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
'I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me  
shall never walk in darkness  
but shall have the light of life.'  
Let us therefore bring our sins into his light  
and confess them in penitence and faith.  
cf John 8.12

*There is a moment of silence in which we recollect all the thing we have done which we ought not to have done, and left undone those things which we ought to have done.*

**All Father eternal,  
giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

**Hymn: Christ's in the World in Which We Move**

<https://youtu.be/g2ONyaHeuQg>

Christ's is the world in which we move;  
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;  
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,  
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,  
to the unloved he gives his embrace,  
to those who cry in pain or disgrace  
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the people we must avoid -  
strange or bereaved or never employed.  
Feel for the women and feel for the men  
who fear that their living is all in vain.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,  
to the unloved he gives his embrace,  
to those who cry in pain or disgrace  
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

Feel for the parents who've lost their child,  
feel for the women whom men have defiled,  
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,  
and feel for the weary who find no rest.

*To the lost.....*

Feel for the lives by life confused,  
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;  
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,  
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

*To the lost.....*

### **Collect**

God of our salvation,  
help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies  
and poison our minds  
and to choose again your gift of life,  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **The First Reading: 2 Kings 5.1-14**

A reading from the Second Book of Kings

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram,  
was a great man and in high favor with his master,  
because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram.

The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.

<sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids

had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

<sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress,

"If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria!

He would cure him of his leprosy."<sup>4</sup>

So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.<sup>5</sup>

And the king of Aram said,

"Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold,  
and ten sets of garments.

<sup>6</sup> He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read,  
“When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman,  
that you may cure him of his leprosy.”

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said,  
“Am I God, to give death or life,  
that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy?  
Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes,  
he sent a message to the king,  
“Why have you torn your clothes?  
Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” <sup>9</sup>

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots,  
and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house.

<sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying,  
“Go, wash in the Jordan seven times,  
and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.”

<sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying,  
“I thought that for me he would surely come out,  
and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God,  
and would wave his hand over the spot,  
and cure the leprosy!

<sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus,  
better than all the waters of Israel?  
Could I not wash in them, and be clean?”

He turned and went away in a rage.

<sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him,  
“Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult,  
would you not have done it?  
How much more, when all he said to you was,  
‘Wash, and be clean’?”

<sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan,  
according to the word of the man of God;  
his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy,  
and he was clean.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 30

1 I will exalt you, O Lord,  
because you have raised me up ♦  
and have not let my foes triumph over me.

2 O Lord my God, I cried out to you ♦  
and you have healed me.

3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the  
dead; ♦  
you restored me to life from among those  
that go down to the Pit.

4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; ♦  
give thanks to his holy name.

5 For his wrath endures  
but the twinkling of an eye,  
his favour for a lifetime. ♦  
Heaviness may endure for a night,  
but joy comes in the morning.

6 In my prosperity I said,  
'I shall never be moved. ♦  
You, Lord, of your goodness,  
have made my hill so strong.'

7 Then you hid your face from me ♦  
and I was utterly dismayed.

8 To you, O Lord, I cried; ♦  
to the Lord I made my supplication:

9 'What profit is there in my blood,  
if I go down to the Pit? ♦  
Will the dust praise you  
or declare your faithfulness?

10 'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon  
me; ♦  
O Lord, be my helper.'

11 You have turned my mourning into  
dancing; ♦  
you have put off my sackcloth  
and girded me with gladness;

12 Therefore my heart sings to you without  
ceasing; ♦  
O Lord my God,  
I will give you thanks for ever.

**Glory to God, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen**

## The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.24-27

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete,  
but only one receives the prize?

Run in such a way that you may win it.

<sup>25</sup> Athletes exercise self-control in all things;  
they do it to receive a perishable wreath,  
but we an imperishable one.

<sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly,  
nor do I box as though beating the air;  
<sup>27</sup> but I punish my body and enslave it,  
so that after proclaiming to others  
I myself should not be disqualified.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn: Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord** [https://youtu.be/Y5S\\_zhHfDA](https://youtu.be/Y5S_zhHfDA)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here  
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear  
In him no sin is found we stand on holy ground  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the holy One, is here

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned  
How awesome is the sight our radiant king of light  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace  
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from him  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place

**The Gospel Reading: Mark 1.40-45**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

- <sup>40</sup> A leper came to him begging him,  
and kneeling he said to him,  
“If you choose, you can make me clean.”
- <sup>41</sup> Moved with pity,  
Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him,  
“I do choose. Be made clean!”
- <sup>42</sup> Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.
- <sup>43</sup> After sternly warning him he sent him away at once,  
<sup>44</sup> saying to him,  
“See that you say nothing to anyone;  
but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”
- <sup>45</sup> But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word,  
so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly,  
but stayed out in the country;  
and people came to him from every quarter.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn: Touch, Touch Me, Lord Jesus**     <https://youtu.be/CC8SxbxpzOI>

1 Touch, touch me Lord Jesus  
with thy hand of mercy.  
Make each throbbing heartbeat  
feel thy power divine.  
Take my will forever.  
I will doubt thee never.  
Oh, cleanse, cleanse me dear Saviour.  
Make me wholly thine.

2 Guide, guide me Jehovah  
through this veil of sorrow.  
I am saved forever  
trusting in thy love.  
Bail me through the current,  
o'er the chilly Jordan  
Lead, lead dear Master  
to thy home above.

**Reflection**

**An Affirmation of Faith:** *Shema Yisrael* שמע ישראל

Let us recall the teaching of Jesus as we say:

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

**An Intercession.**

**The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Language)**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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,**

**the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Announcements**

## **The Blessing**

May God,  
who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in you the image of his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
*All Amen.*

## **Hymn: Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go**

[https://youtu.be/V8y\\_z6nGtck](https://youtu.be/V8y_z6nGtck)

1 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
in all I think or speak or do.

3 Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

2 The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

4 Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day;

5 For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All In the name of Christ. Amen.*