

*st mary's catholic church
greenville, south carolina*



*fifth sunday of lent
17 march 2024*

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 42.1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Entrance Hymn

Forty Days and Forty Nights

George Hunt Smyttan, 1822-1870, alt.

HEINLEIN 77. 77
 Attr. to Martin Herbst, 1654-1681
Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch, 1676



1. For - ty days, and for - ty nights
 2. Shall not we thy sor - row share
 3. Then if Sa - tan on us press,
 4. So shall we have peace di - vine.
 5. Keep, O keep us Sa - vior dear,



Thou wast fast - ing in the wild; For - ty days, and
 And from world - ly joys ab - stain, Fast - ing with un -
 Flesh or spir - it to as - sail, Vic - tor in the
 Ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be; Round us too shall
 Ev - er con - stant by thy side That with Thee we



for - ty nights Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 ceas - ing prayer, Stong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 wil - der - ness, Grant we may not faint not fail!
 an - gels shine, Such as min - is - tered to Thee.
 may ap - pear At the_ e - ter - nal Eas - ter tide.



Penitential Act

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast, saying:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

***People* Amen.**

Kyrie

Mass for Five Voices, William Byrd (Choir only)

Collect



First Reading

Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are 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 I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, 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 place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51.3-4, 12-13, 14-15



R. Cre - ate [a clean heart,] a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5.7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered 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 reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation



Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be. *Response.*

Gospel

John 12.20-33

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like 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. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith *(spoken slowly and reverently)*

The Apostles' Creed is the baptismal profession of faith of the Holy Roman Church, which is used in the administration of Baptism and at the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter. For this reason, we use this text throughout Lent and Eastertide to profess our faith.

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Bow profoundly during these two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

The Bidding Prayers

The Collection

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 118.7, 10, 17, 25

I will praise you, O Lord, with an upright heart. Deal bountif'ly with your servant, that I may live and keep your words. Enliven me according to your word, O Lord.

Offertory Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small: Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

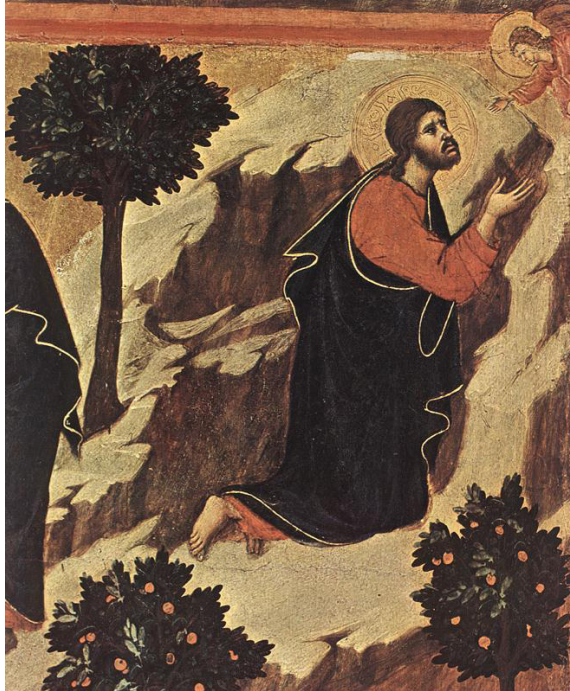
Tune: ROCKINGHAM, LM; Adapted by Edward Miller, 1735-1807

Offertory Anthem

Miserere Mei (Psalm 51)

Arlen Clarke

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offenses.



Priest Pray, brethren,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the Almighty Father.

People **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer Over the Offerings

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you. *Assembly:* And with your Spir - it.

Priest: Lift up your hearts. *Assembly:* We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Assembly:* It is right and just.

Sanctus

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba - oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na

in ex - cé - lis Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cé - lis

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

Mystérium Fidei (The Mystery of Faith)

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your

Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come_ a - gain.

✠ COMMUNION RITE ✠

Priest At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

***People* 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.**

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

***People* For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Priest Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

***People* Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***People* And with your spirit.**



Agnus Dei

Cantor: *All:*

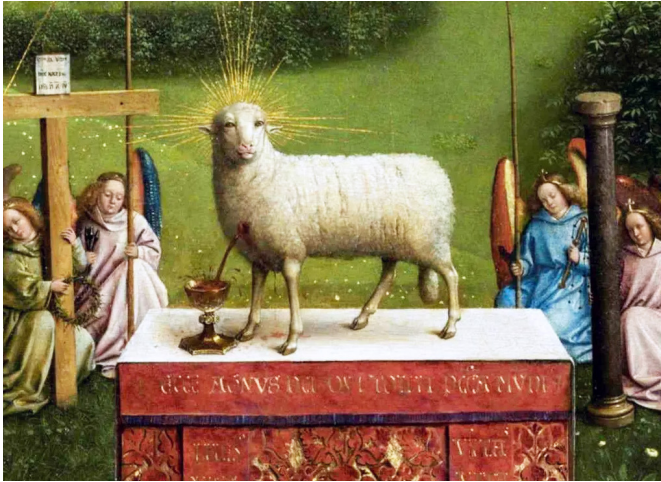
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A-gnus, De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di:

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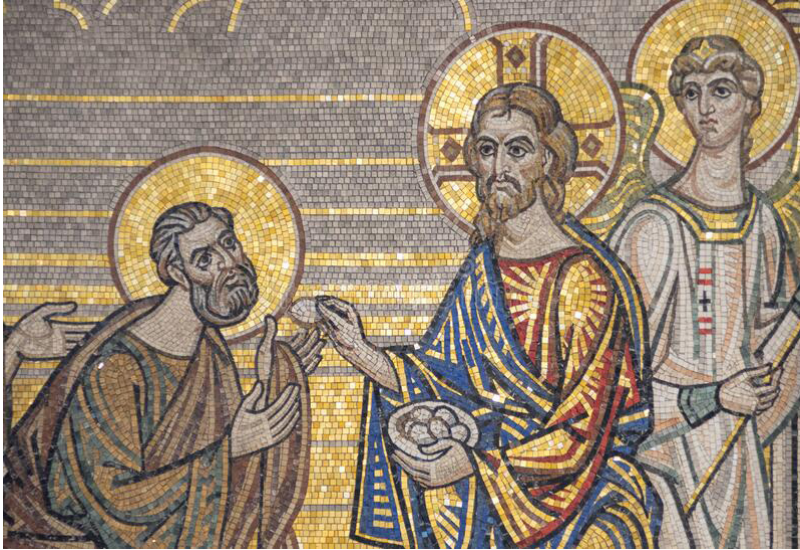
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Priest Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Amen. Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

LORD JESUS, I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS.
HOW I LONG TO RECEIVE YOU WITH MY BROTHERS
AND SISTERS AT THE TABLE YOU HAVE PREPARED.
BUT SINCE I CANNOT AT THIS MOMENT RECEIVE YOU IN
THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF YOUR BODY AND BLOOD,
I ASK YOU TO FEED ME WITH THE MANNA OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT
AND NOURISH ME WITH YOUR HOLY PRESENCE.

I UNITE MYSELF COMPLETELY TO YOU;
NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOUR LOVE.

AMEN.

Communion Motets

Lord, Let Me Know Mine End

Maurice Greene

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days: that I may be certified how long I have to live. Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long: and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity. For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what is my hope: truly my hope is even in thee. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling: hold not thy peace at my tears. O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength: before I go hence and be no more seen.

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

James Kent

Hear my prayer O God, and hide not thyself from my petition, take heed unto me and hear me - how I mourn in my prayer and am vexed. My heart is disquieted within me and the fear of death is fall'n upon me. Then I said, O that I had wings like a dove. Then would I flee away and be at rest.



Communion Hymn

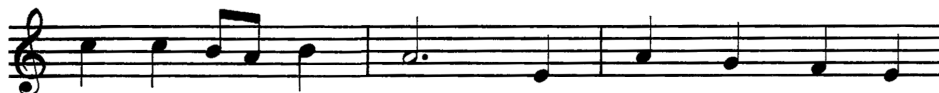
O Sacred Head Surrounded

Paulus Gerhardt, 1607-1676
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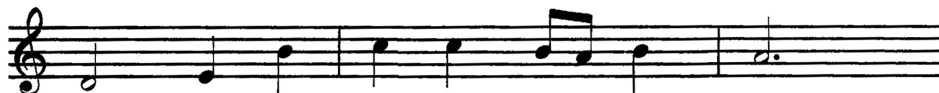
PASSION CHORALE 76. 76. D.
Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612
Harm. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750



1. O Sa - cred Head sur - round - ed By
2. I see thy strength and vig - or All
3. In this, thy bit - ter pas - sion, Good



crown of pierc - ing thorn! O bleed - ing Head, so
fad - ing in the strife, And death with cru - el
Shep - herd, think of me With thy most sweet com -



wound - ed, Re - viled and put to scorn!
rig - or, Be - reav - ing thee of life;
pas - sion, Un - worth - y though I be:



Death's pal - lid hue comes o'er thee, The
O ag - o - ny and dy - ing! O
Be - neath thy cross a - bid - ing For -



glow of life de - cays, Yet an - gel hosts a -
love to sin - ners free! Je - sus, all grace sup -
ev - er would I rest, In thy dear love con -



dore thee, And trem - ble as they gaze.
ply - ing, O turn thy face on me.
fid - ing, And with thy pres - ence blest.

✠ CONCLUDING RITES ✠

Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

Priest May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace.
People **Thanks be to God.**

During Mass at St Mary's, the priest and people face the same direction at the altar, a custom that was once universal in the Catholic Church but is now rare in the celebration of the modern liturgy. For an explanation of this practice, please visit our parish website, smcgvl.org, and look in the section called *Parish Links* for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.

PLEASE JOIN US
TODAY AT 5 PM FOR
SOLEMN VESPERS
OF THE
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Page five: Basilica of San Clemente, Rome. (c. 1200).

Page nine: Duccio. (c. 1308).

Page twelve: Hubert and Jan Von Eyck, Saint Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium. (1432).

Page thirteen: Anonymous.

Page fourteen: Monreale Cathedral. Palermo, Sicily, Italy. (12th century).

from the office of readings for the fifth sunday of lent

The Word who became all things for us is close to us, our Lord Jesus Christ who promises to remain with us always. He cries out, saying: *See, I am with you all the days of this age*. He is himself the shepherd, the high priest, the way and the door, and has become all things at once for us. In the same way, he has come among us as our feast and holy day as well. The blessed Apostle says of him who was awaited: *Christ has been sacrificed as our Passover*. It was Christ who shed his light on the psalmist as he prayed: *You are my joy, deliver me from those surrounding me*. True joy, genuine festival, means the casting out of wickedness. To achieve this one must live a life of perfect goodness and, in the serenity of the fear of God, practice contemplation in one's heart.

This was the way of the saints, who in their lifetime and at every stage of life rejoiced as at a feast. Blessed David, for example, not once but seven times rose at night to win God's favor through prayer. The great Moses was full of joy as he sang God's praises in hymns of victory for the defeat of Pharaoh and the oppressors of the Hebrew people. Others had hearts filled always with gladness as they performed their sacred duty of worship, like the great Samuel and the blessed Elijah. Because of their holy lives they gained freedom, and now keep festival in heaven. They rejoice after their pilgrimage in shadows, and now distinguish the reality from the promise.

When we celebrate the feast in our own day, what path are we to take? As we draw near to this feast, who is to be our guide? Beloved, it must be none other than the one whom you will address with me as our Lord Jesus Christ. He says: *I am the way*. As blessed John tells us: it is Christ *who takes away the sin of the world*. It is he who purifies our souls, as the prophet Jeremiah says: *Stand upon the ways; look and see which is the good path, and you will find in it the way of amendment for your souls*.

In former times the blood of goats and the ashes of a calf were sprinkled on those who were unclean, but they were able to purify only the body. Now through the grace of God's Word everyone is made abundantly clean. If we follow Christ closely we shall be allowed, even on this earth, to stand as it were on the threshold of the heavenly Jerusalem, and enjoy the contemplation of that everlasting feast, like the blessed apostles, who in following the Savior as their leader, showed, and still show, the way to obtain the same gift from God. They said: *See, we have left all things and followed you*. We too follow the Lord, and we keep his feast by deeds rather than by words.

- From an Easter letter by Saint Athanasius, bishop
(b. 296; d. 2 May 373 AD)

from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

With this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church enters the final part of Lent: Passiontide. From today until the Vigil of the Resurrection in the night of Holy Saturday, crosses and statues are veiled and the sacred liturgy of each day takes us more deeply into the heart of the Paschal Mystery, as the Church cries out in faith, “Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.”

The veiling of sacred images during Passiontide is a custom with roots in Christian antiquity, and it prepares us for the great sundering of Christ’s atoning death. But even in Passiontide, stained glass windows and the Stations of the Cross remain visible, and these artistic catechisms can teach us a great deal about the dignity and difficulty of being disciples of the Lord Jesus. This is true in any Catholic church, but it is most especially true here at Saint Mary’s where we are blessed with sacred art of great beauty and power.

The sanctuary of the church is dominated by a stained glass window of the Crucifixion and Resurrection which was made in Bavaria in 1904 by the famed studio of Franz Mayer & Company. At the center of the scene is the Lord Jesus on the Cross, to which Saint Mary Magdalene clings at the base. To the left of the Cross are the three Mary’s: the Blessed Virgin Mary stands between Mary the mother James and Joses and Mary the wife of Clopas, who was possibly a brother of Saint Joseph. And to the right of the Cross is another group of three: Saint John the Beloved Disciple stands between his mother Salome and the centurion who cried out “Truly, this was the Son of God!” Finally, at the top of the window is an image of the Resurrected Lord Jesus revealed in divine glory as the Eternal Word and God the Son - the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Behind all the figures, the Holy City of Jerusalem is visible, the same city into which Jesus was received as a conquering hero only five days before his judicial murder was demanded by a howling mob. How quickly the road paved with palm branches became the Way of the Cross!

At each Mass during the Fifth Week of Lent, the Church prays the first of two prefaces of the Passion of the Lord, and that text reminds us of the cost of our salvation: “For through the saving Passion of your Son the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of your majesty, since by the wondrous power of the Cross your judgment on the world is now revealed and the authority of Christ crucified.”

Running through the nave of our church are the Fourteen Stations of the Cross, a devotion made popular by Saint Francis of Assisi in the 13th century. At a time when Christians could not travel safely to Jerusalem because the Holy City was under Islamic rule, Saint Francis devised a simple method for Christians to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross in their own churches. The fourteen traditional stops or stations on the Via Dolorosa are depicted in works of art that invite pilgrims to pause and pray while meditating on Christ’s passion and atoning death on the Cross.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world!

Father Newman