

**Pohick Episcopal Church • March 21, 2021 • 9:00 am**  
Fifth Sunday in Lent • Morning Prayer Rite II  
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**Opening Welcome**

**Prelude** *O humanity, bewail your grievous sin*

*Bach*

Officiant Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People*

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*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.*

Officiant 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.*

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

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Officiant Lord, open our lips.

*People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

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*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.*

**Venite** Psalm 95

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*Officiant and People*

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Come, let us adore him.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
At Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.  
They put me to the test, \*  
Though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”  
So I swore in my wrath, \*  
“They shall not enter into my rest.”

*Officiant and People*

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Come, let us adore him.*

**Psalm 51:1-13** (in unison)

***Miserere mei, Deus***

- 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 Lessons**

Reader A Reading from 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**A Song of Penitence** *Kyrie Pantokrator* (in unison)

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*Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
with all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*

nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
 For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
 and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
 Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
 in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
 and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
 For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
 and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

Reader A Reading from 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn 441 *In the cross of Christ I glory*

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
 \*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of  
 2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
 3 love up - on my way, from the cross the  
 4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that  
 5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
 2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
 3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.  
 4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
 5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872) Music: *Rathbun*, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867)

**Reader** A Gospel Reading from John (12:20-33)

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.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** The Reverend Rachel Rickenbacker

**Solo** *Take up your cross*

*Lewis*

**The Apostles' Creed** *Officiant and People, all standing*

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*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.*

## The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

*Officiant and 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People And grant us your salvation.*

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People Let your people sing with joy.*

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People For only in you can we live in safety.*

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

*People Your saving health among all nations.*

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

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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.*

Collect for the Renewal of Life

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O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

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Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Hymn 474 *When I survey the wondrous cross*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
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 an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
of - fering 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.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmsody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

### Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*Officiant* Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Let us pray for all those affected by COVID-19**, by illness or hunger, or by loss of life, job or home. For all who are isolated, alone, or discouraged.

**We pray for Pohick Church** and all churches who are learning to be community in new ways.

**We especially pray for an end to the pandemic, and wisdom for our leaders.** We give thanks for the vaccine.

**We pray for an end to racism and all social injustice,** for the courage to protest wrongs peacefully, and for an end to the civil unrest and violence in our nation.

**We pray for family and friends who are first responders, hospital personnel, and fire and rescue personnel:** Elizabeth Mann, Dr. Kevin Botts, Will Prados, Julie Kiefer, Lucy, Karen, Laura, Jennifer, Dr. Will Edmonson, Kathe Hannis Clark RN, Michelle Alley Sherrod, RN, Alison Brown Tuttle, Sara Mulhern, Nathan Crane, Dr. Susanne Roberts, Dr. Richard Yoon, Lindsey Chapman, Taylor Bireley, Chris Johnson, Grace Agar, Lt Anthony Marsico, Jr, Dr. Laurie Mortara, Melissa, Laura, Ashley, Avery, Chase, Teddy, Elizabeth Bartkowiak, Davis Sessums, Dr. Tony Slavinski, Christian Lavenski RN, Robert Foresman, Alex Foresman, Katie Arnhart, Dr. George Smallfield III, Dr. Melissa Smallfield, Patrick Burkey, Dr. John Orona, Dr. Devon Watson, Dr. Megan Sise, Dr. Uulana Bodnar, Ashley Nicholson, Kathy Vitale, Christian Ewaskiewicz, RN, Kathy Aagesen; Justin and Nora Scot, Susan Plain, Lea Schmitt, Chris Stone, Lisa Keill, Alison Tompkins, Sheriden Floyd RN, William Low, Cameron Craig, Christina Petty, RN, Courtney Hayward, RN, Rachel Mazerolle, RN, Dr. Sunmolu Beckley, Dr. Maxwell James, Dr. Cameron Webb, Dr. Adrian Ambrose, Funmilayo Onipede, Nicole Habel, Haley Sanchez, Funmilayo Abiara, Annie Hammer, Ty Ashworth, Rose Kepnang, Alyssa Craig, Carmen Watson, Tom, Bailey, Dr. Alley Ronaldi, Melissa Villamoor, Dr. Dan Derbes III, Danielle Derbes, PA, Anna Delania and Tracy Torseth, RNs.

**We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation,** especially for Kristy Girten, the Nelson Family, Penelope Mann, Kenneth Minter, Archie Taylor and family, Erika Knudsen, Haydee Sparks, Peter Thomas, Tom Murphy, Carole Fischer, Joan Parsons, Adrian McCabe, Willy Lowel, Suzi Scott, Sharon Michel, Bryan Tuccillo, Victoria Sackett, D'Andrea Wooten, Joan Egan, Bill Hosp, Margery, Tim Dwyer, William Low, Simon Delgado, Stan Coss, James King, Funmi Oduolowu, Fiona, Harry Petrie, Susan Yarwood, Diane, Jim, Mary Hoffman, Jim and Lynn Anderholm, Carol and Glenn Larkin, Sr., Cindy Johnston, Pam Botts, Nancy Bireley, Femi Ayorinde, Sandra Christian, Ben Egan, Darryl Sebastian, Francine Brailsford, Shelby Sternberg, Chandra Zinola, Sandy Hand, Roy Baumann, Bill Poad, Travis and Karen Gossett, Victoria Kramer, Clarence Walker, Joan Davis, Meredith Allen, Linda Patterson, George Kahlife, and David Gill.

**We also pray for those having birthdays this week:** Jeannie Brown, Walker Hofmann, Zachary Johnson, Wendy Remaly, Sophia Arredando, Klint Edgemon, Cindy McGovern, Emily Pehrsson, Elizabeth Spencer, Robert Vaughn, Frederick Wise, Zoe Lloyd, Christopher Vaughn, and McFerrin Wyllie.

**We pray for our members who serve our country,** particularly those overseas, and their families: John Winston, Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, and Jesse Grimm.

**We pray for Christians and others around the world,** especially those in Burma, China, Nigeria, and North Korea, who continue to face persecution for their faith.

**We pray for peace in the Middle East,** and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

**In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for the South Fairfax Region churches:** Church of the Good Shepherd, Burke; Holy Cross Korean, Fairfax; La Iglesia de Santa Maria, Falls Church; St. Alban's, Annandale; St.

Andrew's, Burke; St. Barnabas', Annandale; St. Christopher's, Springfield; St. John's, Centreville; St. Patrick's, Falls Church; St. Paul's, Bailey's Crossroads, Fairfax; St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station; The Falls Church, Falls Church; and Trinity, Manassas.

*Other intercessions may be typed in Facebook comments, or spoken aloud or in silence.*

### **Concluding Collect**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people;  
In the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help;  
for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now  
and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

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#### *Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to 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 honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

#### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, 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 life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

### **Closing remarks**

#### **Postlude** *Postlude I*

*Langlais*

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Soloist: Mason Botts, *tenor*  
Acolyte: Andrew Choi

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us at 11:00 am today for ***Just Mercy***, a Book, Bible, and Movie Study that examines questions of justice, based on the book by Bryan Stephenson. Study led by Michael Wooten and Rev. Lynn. If you have not already registered, please visit website at [pohick.org](http://pohick.org) to register so your email can be added to the class roster.
- **The Wednesday Night Lenten Program**, “Resting in the Lord: Repentance, Renewal and Resurrection,” finishes this Wednesday, March 24, at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Adam Lees, VTS Seminarian, will speak to us about *Mysticism and Evangelism*. Watch for email that shares the Zoom link.
- Join us in the Pohick Courtyard, weather permitting, at 7:45 am or 9:00 am on Sunday, March 28, for **Palm Sunday**. Per Diocesan restrictions, only 50 people can attend each service, so please sign-up on our website, [pohick.org](http://pohick.org). The 9:00 am service will be streamed live on Facebook.
- **Great news:** If COVID numbers hold or continue their decline, we plan to hold three outdoor Eucharists on Easter Sunday! Alleluia! Please sign-up for outdoor services on our website. Easter is traditionally one of four days of the year on which we celebrate **Holy Baptism**. If you or your child would like to be baptized at 9:00 am or 10:30 am on Easter Sunday, please contact Rev. Lynn or Carmel Hodge as soon as possible.

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