



Christ Church Anglican, Mexico City
Morning Prayer, Rite II
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 487 vs. 1,2,3

- 1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.
- 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.
- 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Opening Antiphon

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)

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

The Priest alone stands and says

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

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

Antiphon (*Together*)

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

Invitatory Psalm (*Together*)

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

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 Psalm Appointed (Sung - Together)

Psalm 51:1-13

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

The First Reading: 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.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

Responsory Canticle

14 A Song of Penitence

Kyrie Pantokrator, S237

Antiphon

Your merciful promise is beyond all measure;
it surpasses all that our mind can fathom.

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.

The Second Reading: 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.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

Responsory Canticle

10 The Second Song of Isaiah

Quaerite Dominum, S222

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
 call upon him when he draws near.
 Let the wicked forsake their ways *
 and the evil ones their thoughts;
 And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
 and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
 nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
 so are my ways higher than your ways,
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
 For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
 and return not again, but water the earth,
 Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
 seed for sowing and bread for eating,
 So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
 it will not return to me empty;
 But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
 and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

Piano Interlude

Antonio Ortega, Christ Church Organist

Oh God, you pious God, Op. 122 No.7

Johannes Brahms

The Gospel: John 12:20-33

All standing as able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying,

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon – The Rev. Susan Dennen de Rodríguez

The Apostles’ Creed

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Suffrages B (Book of Common Prayer [BCP], pp.98.)

V(erse). Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R(espone). Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Brothers and sisters in Christ: in this holy season of Lent, we remember our Lord's forty days in the wilderness as we ourselves are called to penitence, self-denial, and especially

to prayer. Let us therefore lift our hearts to God in faith, responding to each petition in the words: *Lord have mercy.*

For ourselves, that our eyes may be opened to your presence in the world around us, and that we may speak your word with conviction, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the leaders of the church universal, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Enrique, our primate; Carlos, our bishop emeritus; Susan and Germán, clergy in this parish, and our seminarians Adrián and Antonio, that they may preach the Gospel with boldness, and lead your people in the ways of service, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may stand firm in your word, with hearts focused upon fulfilling your will with confidence, humility, and love, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For our wardens, Jennifer and Carolina, and all our Vestry, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For our Search Committee, that they may find a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, especially the leaders of this city and country of Mexico, that through their work they may promote justice and peace, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For peace among the nations, tribes, and peoples of this world, that strife and violence may come to an end, and that in places of suspicion, anxiety, and hatred, a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the poor and the needy, for those who are persecuted, oppressed, refugees, victims of Covid-19 in any way, and for those in despair, that they may be freed from their affliction to serve you in faithfulness of heart, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord have mercy.*

For those who are sick or distressed in body, mind or spirit, especially: Esther, Missy, Mina, Guillermo, Luz María, Monique, Irasema, Elizabeth, Cruz, Fernando, Yvette,

Louise, Jessica, Ned, Susie, Tammy, Jeanne, Raquel, Jeremy, Fr. Germán, Olivia, Lorraine, Humberto, Tina, Paul, Eloy, Irma González Pou, and John Bruton, that they may be granted relief, protection, and hope, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the blessings that enrich our lives, we give you thanks especially for: medical workers and all essential workers, for medicine and vaccines. We also remember those who celebrate birthdays: Carolyn, Rev. Tamara, Gabriela, and Jimmy, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For those who have died, and for all those whose faith is known to you alone, especially: Jim, Janet, Maureen, David, John, Jerry, Sam, Nancy, Martha, Rafael, Josefina, Heather, and Janet, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord have mercy.

The General Thanksgiving

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

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.*

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.*
(2 Corinthians 13:14)

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

Birthdays this week:

Carolyn Shaw (21), Rev. Tamara Newell (21), Gabriela Robinson (22), Jimmy Holden

Please e-mail any special petitions for inclusion in the next Sunday's Prayers of the People by 5 p.m. on Monday to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at:

office@christchurch.mx

When you pay your pledge or make any financial donation online, please inform our parish accountant Edgar Gómez at accountant@christchurch.mx or by telephone at the parish office, 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

Just whodunnit can number among the mysteries in this, our dear and magical, country. Help us, and Edgar, out.

Cuando pague su promesa o haga cualquier tipo de donación financiera, favor de informar al contador de nuestra parroquia, Edgar Gómez, al mail accountant@christchurch.mx o a los teléfonos de la oficina de la parroquia, 55 5202-0949 o 55 5520-3763.

Aquellos que ya lo hicieron pueden enumerar los problemas que han tenido en nuestro querido y fabuloso país. Ayúdenos y a Edgar también.

Help Update Our Parish Directory

Our parish directory is a mess, and we need all our members' help in updating it.

Please send your current e-mail address, and home and cell telephone numbers to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at office@christchurch.mx(.) Or call her at the church office: 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

If you wish, include the name(s) of your spouse or partner or children. Ditto if you want to indicate your nationality.

If you were recently contacted to verify your information, please disregard the above, and keep reading.

Please take the time to call or otherwise pass on this request to any church members who either don't use e-mail or whose contact information you know or suspect might have changed. And ask them to do the same. You might also check to see if someone saw this.

All information will be protected in conformity with the privacy laws and regulations of Mexico and Mexico City.

Por Favor Ayuden a Actualizar el Directorio de Nuestra Parroquia

Nuestro directorio de la parroquia tiene información muy antigua y por lo mismo no podemos contactar a todos los feligreses de la iglesia. Necesitamos de su ayuda para actualizarlo. Por favor manden su correo electrónico actual, el teléfono de su casa y de su celular a la secretaria parroquial Mary Rosa Casar al correo office@christchurch.mx o comuníquense con ella a la oficina de la iglesia: 55 5202-0949 ó 55 5520-3763.

Si usted quiere, puede incluir los nombres de su esposa, compañera, o hijos. Si quiere, puede dar su nacionalidad.

En caso de haber sido contactado recientemente para verificar su información, por favor haga caso omiso y continúe leyendo.

Por favor llame y si puede pase esta petición a cualquiera de los feligreses quienes no tienen correo electrónico o a quienes se han cambiado y no han actualizado sus datos. Y también pídale hacer lo mismo para hacer una gran cadena y tener la información que se necesita. Usted también podría preguntarles a los feligreses si han leído esta información.

Toda la información está protegida en conformidad con las leyes de privacidad de México y la Ciudad de México.

Our customary gatherings remain suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In normal times, we celebrate Eucharist on Sundays in English at 8:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel, in the church proper at 10:30 a.m. (with music), and in Spanish at 12:30 p.m., with all welcome to all services.

The church is at Montes Escandinavos 405, Col. Lomas de Chapultepec, in the Ciudad de México, Código Postal 11000, a una cuadra de Reforma, esq. con Sierra Madre.
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