The Fifth Sunday in Lent
“to commend the faith that is in us”

April 7, 2019
10:30 a.m.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VERMONT
Together in Christ...growing locally, serving globally

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Middlebury, Vermont
Our purpose: To grow in God’s love and serve Christ in all people
Our mission: To be an inclusive community awake to God in worship, learning and service
10:30 a.m.  Holy Eucharist  Rite II

Preludes

Tiento partido de mano izquierda

Allegro

Allegro from Concerto in D minor

Gabriel Menalt

J. -H. Fiocco

J. S. Bach

A Penitential Order

The Liturgy of the Word  Rite II

Hymn  Hymnal 398

I sing the almighty power of God
Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:29-30

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8, 9

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

People: 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.
Celebrant: 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.

Pearl of Great Price

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.

Lord, have mercy

Hymnal S 96
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.
The Word of God

First Lesson  
*Isaiah 43: 16-21*

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

(silence)

Psalm  
*Psalm 126*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *  
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *  
"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, *  
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *  
will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
Second Lesson  Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader:  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People:  Thanks be to God.
Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus'
feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

(silence)

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
   the Father, the Almighty,
   maker of heaven and earth,
   of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
   the only Son of God,
   eternally begotten of the Father,
   God from God, Light from Light,
   true God from true God,
   begotten, not made,
   of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
   he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
   he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
   and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
   he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
   in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
   and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: As God's new people, formed in Christ Jesus, let us join in prayer to God who makes all things new, saying: O God our Savior, hear our prayer.

Draw your church more deeply into the reality of Christ's sufferings, so that everyone whom you have called in him may show forth the power of his resurrection. O God our Savior, hear our prayer.

Renew the spirit of hope in every human society and nation. Invigorate us, and sustain our courage boldly forward to the future you promise. O God our Savior, hear our prayer.

Show your mercy to those who are held back by fear of the other, racism, addiction, poverty, and free them to receive your word of life. O God our Savior, hear our prayer.

Rescue from fear those who are deprived of their human needs or their human rights. Give them their share of the dignity you confer on all your children. O God our Savior, hear our prayer.

Grant to this assembly a heart open to your word, that we may embrace your promise, heed your commands, and declare your praise. O God our Savior, hear our prayer.

Keep those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit in your loving care. May your healing touch be felt by any in need, especially (Jeff, Sarah, Vinny, Don, Keung, Mike, Roger, Mary, Sarah, Lia, Stefanie, Stacey, Brooke, Tom, Carol, Sarah, Merritt, Bob, Dana, Judy, John, Bob, Cathy, Lorraine, Lou, Isaac). O God our Savior, hear our prayer.
For those who have departed, especially those we name either silently or aloud __________, let us pray to the Lord.  O God our Savior, hear our prayer.

**Celebrant:** God our Savior and Redeemer, you are constantly at work, bringing forth new things in your creation. Hear the prayers we make to you, and continue to perform ever greater wonders for the entire family of humankind, through your Son, Christ our Lord.  Amen.

**The Commissioning of the Ministry Discernment Committee**

**Warden:** I present to you these persons to serve on the Ministry Discernment Committee of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church.

**Priest:** Are these persons whom you present prepared by a commitment to Christ, by regular attendance at worship, and by commitment to this responsibility to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well being of God’s Church?

**Warden:** I believe they are.

**Priest:** To you who have been called to serve on the Ministry Discernment Committee in this congregation, as long as you are engaged in this work, will you perform it with diligence, love, and patience?

**Candidates:** I will.

**Antiphon (said in unison):** You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen.

**Priest:** Give thanks to the holy and life-giving God.

**People:** Make known the deeds of our Creator.

**Priest:** Let us pray. Have regard to our supplication, O gracious Lord, and confirm with your heavenly benediction your servants commissioned to serve on the Ministry Discernment Committee of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer acceptable service to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen.

**Priest (in front of each Committee Member):** In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you [N.] as a member of the Ministry Discernment Committee in this congregation.
Committee Members:
Eternal Light, shine in our hearts.
Eternal Power, be our strength.
Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you.
Eternal Goodness, you have drawn us to your heart
and united us in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.
Now grant that with all our heart, and mind, and strength, We may evermore seek your face.
And finally, by your infinite love, Keep us in your holy presence, As we begin this phase of our
discernment process Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The loose plate offering today is designated for the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund.

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Offering
Let us present our offerings to the Lord.
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own we give you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you,
maker of light and darkness.
Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, 
brings a harvest out of sorrow 
and leads the exiles home. 
**In Christ your Son, enemies are reconciled,** 
debts forgiven, and strangers made welcome.

**Your Spirit frees us** 
to live as sons and daughters 
in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power 
follow the way of the Cross, 
sharing the joy of his obedience, 
now offer you our praise, 
with angels and archangels 
and the whole company of heaven 
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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**The Sanctus**

*Holy, holy, holy*

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_Hymnal S 130_
Holy Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
Lifted on the Cross,
his suffering and forgiveness
spanned the gulf our sins had made.
Through that dark struggle
death was swallowed up in victory,
that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
recalling the night of Israel's release,
the night in which the sons of Egypt died,
your Chosen One, himself the First-Born,
freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:

"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.**
**We recall his blessed passion and death,**
**his glorious resurrection and ascension;**
**and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of
Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of Stephen,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your Name,
    your kingdom come,
    your will be done,
    on earth as in heaven.
Grant us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
    as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
    and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
    and the glory are yours,
    now and for ever. Amen.
The Breaking of the Bread

At the breaking of the bread, the bell will ring. Then there will be a period of silence.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S 164
The Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome at this table. To receive gluten free bread or grape juice instead of wine, please inform the server at the time of communion.

Healing Prayer

Those who wish to have healing prayers are invited to join one of our priests in the Chapel after receiving communion.

Hymn

Let thy Blood in mercy poured

Hymnal 313

1 Let thy Blood in mercy poured, let thy gracious
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless-ed Lord, thou
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen-i-

Bo-dy bro-ken, be to me, O gra-cious Lord,
cam’st to save me; all that love of God could give
and the nail-ing, by the pain and death, I now
tence I give thee; thou art my ex-alt-ed King,
Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Benediction

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Announcements

Hymn

King of glory, King of peace

Hymnal 382

1 King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;

2 Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee;

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may never cease, I will move thee.

and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.

in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;

Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;

Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;

Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee;

thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

e'en eternity's too short to exalt thee.

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Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: General Seminary, David Charles Walker (b. 1938)

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: We turn our faces toward you as we go forth in the world in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in G

Constantin Homilius

The altar arrangements are given by Eric and Kitty Davis in thanksgiving for the ministries of Bishop Tom and Ann Ely

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rt. Reverend Thomas C. Ely
Interim Ministry Team: The Reverends Carole Wageman (Team Leader), Diane Nancekivell, Catherine Nichols, and Larry Yarbrough
Ushers: Mary and Ed McGuire
Lectors: Joe McVeigh, Tom Turley Intercessor: Zosha Andersson
Crucifer/Eucharistic Ministers: Meg Fitch, John Hammer
Choir Director: Susanne Peck Organist: George Matthew, Jr.
Violinists: Carter Lee and Emily Sunderman
Altar Guild: Cathy Smid, Barb Wood
Coffee Hour: Beth Stanway, Judy and Mark Hamdi


Closing prayer adapted from Elizabeth Rankin Geitz, Women’s Uncommon Prayers (Harrisburg, Pa., Morehouse Publishing, 2000), 326.

The Vestry:
Class of 2019: Mary McGuire, Tom Klemmer, Lonnie Fisher
Class of 2020: Alice Van Tuyl, Mike Davis, Susan Anderson-Ray
Class of 2021: David Kenyon, Jim Pugh, Steve Sontum

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Welcome to St. Stephen’s!

It is our honor and pleasure to have you visiting with us today. Your presence enriches our worship. Following the service, please take a moment to sign the guest register next to the front door. After the 10:30 a.m. service there is a coffee hour for all to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Current copies of the Parishscope, the parish newsletter, are available for you to take with you. For additional information, please visit our website at www.ststephensmidd.org.

We welcome children at St. Stephen’s!

- **Child care** is provided in the Ark upstairs from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. with one of our wonderful caregivers Suzie Klemmer and Ashley Mayo.

- **Children’s “quiet bags”** are available on the hooks at the back of the church.

- **The Chapel** at the back of the church is sound equipped for parents who wish a quieter environment for their children.

All who are seeking a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to share in the communion. At the proper time the ushers will direct you to the altar to receive communion. If you desire to receive a blessing rather than communion simply cross your arms across your chest. To receive gluten free bread or grape juice instead of wine, please inform the server at the time of communion.

Healing Prayer in Chapel: After receiving communion if you would like healing prayers for yourself or a loved one, you are welcome to proceed to the Chapel where one of our priests will pray with you.

If you have any **questions**, please ask any Vestry member – their nametags are marked.

There is an **elevator** in the reception area opposite the Parish Administrator’s Office. Take the door next to the Baptismal Font. A wheelchair and personal amplification devices are available for those who need them. See an usher for assistance. There are restrooms on all three floors.

Whenever a prayer or response is in **bold** you are encouraged to read this aloud.

In the Episcopal Church we commonly stand for prayers or hymns- you may sit if you prefer.
St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church presents
its 8th Annual

Lenten Recital Series

ALL RECITALS ARE ON THURSDAYS, 12:15-12:45 P.M.,
AND ARE FREE TO ATTEND. YOU ARE WELCOME TO
BRING A LUNCH. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

March 7
George Matthew Jr. St. Stephen’s organist in a program of Scandinavian music

March 14
The Middlebury Mountain Ayres, Middlebury College’s Renaissance a cappella group

March 21
Organ recital by Vaughn Watson, Dean of the Vermont Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

March 28
All Bach program by Emily Sunderman, violinist and George Matthew Jr., organist

April 4
Organ recital by Fred DeHaven, retired Choirmaster and organist of Christ Church in Grosse Point, Michigan and now St. Stephen’s member

April 11
The Addison String Quartet
Featuring Carol Harden, Emily Sunderman, Joy Pile and Tom Dunne

April 18
Orgelgebet (organ prayers) Eighth annual presentation of the events of Holy Week, as interpreted by organ composers from the Renaissance to the present