

**5th Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021
1st Presbyterian of Rockaway**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up, I will draw all people to myself."

Blessed be the God of our salvation who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation, and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world.

Amen.

HYMN 36 FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs to earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

We are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, by the faith we have in Christ and by the grace of God, our sins are forgiven. May we delight in the joy of our salvation.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JEREMIAH 31:27-34

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say:

“The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.”

³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

³¹ 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. ³² 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. ³³ 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. ³⁴ 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.

PSALM 119:9-16

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes.

13 With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

14 I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.

15 I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.

16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

JOHN 12:20-33

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. **21** They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” **22** Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. **23** Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** 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. **25** Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. **26** Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

27 “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. **28** Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” **29** The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” **30** Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. **31** Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. **32** And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people^[a] to myself.” **33** He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

SERMON WE WISH TO SEE JESUS

HYMN 834 PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me onto the light;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;

When my life is almost gone,

Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the gospel which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 209 MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow;
The world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the day hosannas to our King.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made away,
A murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes, that all my days could gladly speed.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Feb. 24 - Mar. 31, 2021

You are invited to participate in Evening Prayer on Wednesdays during Lent. We will be praying using lectio divina and will be praying selected psalms.

Lectio divina is an ancient form of prayer using reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation. This form of prayer can be done in community or as a personal discipline. If you would like to participate, simply join us using the Zoom link below. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Nancy at youngnancy501@gmail.com.

Time: March 3, 2021 07:00 PM Join Zoom Meeting
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TUESDAY MORNING STUDY

Everything Is Spiritual: Finding Your Way in a Turbulent World
by Rob Bell

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