

5th Sunday of Lent—Cycle B—March 21, 2021

Unless a Grain of Wheat

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REFRAIN

Un-less a grain of wheat shall fall up-on the ground and die,
 _____ it shall re-main but a sin-gle grain and not give life. But
 if it dies, if it dies it shall bear fruit to the world.

1. Some days I struggle with my life.
 I turn to you, Lord; hear my cry.
 I fall on my knees.
 O Lord, hear my plea.
 My cross is ever before me.
2. "Father, O my Father, let this cup pass me by,
 for I don't want to taste its poison.
 I don't want to die.
 My cross is heavy, my burdens are many.
 By suffering I will free the world!"
3. Lord, help me through this hour.
 Give to me your power
 so that I may rise again and glorify,
 glorify, glorify your name.

CODA

Take up the cross in your life and follow Christ,
 then die and rise with him. Take up your cross.

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The Love of the Lord

1. All that I count-ed as gain
 2. Rich-es and hon-ors will fade,
 3. Sil-ver and gold have I none,
 4. Faith is the wealth I pos-sess

now I con-sid-er as loss,
 earth-ly de-light dis-ap-pear,
 no land to count as my home, yet
 Find-ing its source in my God:

emp-ty and worth-less to me in the
 fade like the grass of the field in the
 wealth be-yond meas-ure I own in the
 faith in the prom-ise of Christ is my

1., 3. light of the love of the Lord.
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 life and my love of the Lord.

2., 4. Lord.
 Lord.
 Lord.

What more could bring us hope than to know the pow'r of his
 life? What more could bring us peace than to
 share in his suf-f'ring and death? What more could be our
 fi-nal wish than to live in the love of the Lord?

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Glory in the Cross

Refrain



We should glo - ry in the cross of our Lord Je - sus



Christ, for he is our sal - va - tion, our life and res - ur -



rec - tion; through him we are saved and made free.



Verses

1. Sing, my tongue, the hymn of glo - ry;
2. Tell how, when at length the full - ness
3. With the thir - ty years now end - ed,
4. Faith - ful Cross, true sign of tri - umph,



Of the fi - nal con - flict sing. Shout the tri - umph
 Of the ho - ly time had come, Christ was sent, the
 Which on earth he willed to see, Will - ing - ly he
 Be for all the no - blest tree; None in fol - iage,



of the vic - tim; Far and wide the
 world's Cre - a - tor, From the Fa - ther's
 meets his pas - sion, Born to set his
 none in blos - som, None in fruit your



ech - oes ring: Je - sus Christ, the world's sal - va - tion,
 heav'n - ly home, And was found a - mong us dwell - ing,
 peo - ple free; On the cross the Lamb is lift - ed,
 peer may be; Sym - bol of the world's re - demp - tion,



D.C.

From the cross now reigns as King.
 Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 There the sac - ri - fice to be.
 For your bur - den makes us free.

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Reading 1

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 rela-
 tives
 how to know the LORD.
 All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD,
 and I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no
 more.

Psalm 130: With the Lord There Is Mercy

Refrain



With the Lord there is mer - cy, and full-ness of re - demp-tion.

Verses

1. From out of the depths, I cry unto you,
Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer;
O let your ear be open to my pleading.
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
then who could stand within your sight?
But in you is found forgiveness for our failings.
3. Just as those who wait for the morning light,
even more I long for the Lord, my God,
whose word to me shall ever be my comfort.

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Reading 2

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.

Gospel

John 12: 20-33

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.

Our response will be: **Unite Us in Your Love**

For Christ's Church...

for a prayer life that strengthens and nourishes us when we fall to the ground and need help to rise up again...

We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love*

For all candidates in the upcoming local elections...

for courage to champion the least among us...

for a willingness to collaborate with and work for all people whom they are called to serve...

We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love*

For the people of St. Michael Parish as we remember the covenant God has made with us..

for courage to return to the Lord when we stray, to repent of our sins, and to renew our relationship with Jesus...

We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love*

For the elect, and candidates for initiation who seek Christ ...

for courage to die to self and live fruitful spiritual lives ...

We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love*

For all still waiting to receive the covid-19 vaccine...

For the ill among us,
especially those listed in our parish bulletin and on our parish website...

for wholeness, and healing of body, mind and spirit ...

We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love*

For those whose hour has come to leave this earth,
especially our loved ones and friends listed in our bulletin and on our website...

may they rise to new life with Christ

We pray to the Lord... *R: Unite Us in Your Love*

God's Covenant of Love with Us... Remember, Return, Repent and Renew



All-embracing God,
you established an everlasting covenant with us.
When we doubt you, or turn away from your truth,
deepen our hope in your promise of everlasting love
and abiding care for all people.
Make firm our faith, cleanse our hearts,
and wrap us in your mercy and grace.
With the help of your Holy Spirit,
may we remember, return, repent,
and renew our trust in your love for all creation.
Through Christ Jesus, your Beloved Son,
who is our light and salvation.
Amen.

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 on the ground and die, it re - mains but a
 sin - gle grain with no life.

Verses

1. ♪ If we have died with him, then we shall
 2. ♪ an - y - one serves me, then they must
 3. ♪ ♪ Make your home in me as I make
 4. ♪ If you re - main in me and my word
 5. ♪ ♪ Those who love me are loved by my
 6. ♪ ♪ Peace I leave with you, my peace I

live with him; if we hold firm, we shall
 fol - low me; where - ev - er I am, my
 mine in you; those who re - main in me
 lives in you, then you will be my dis -
 Fa - ther; we shall be with them and
 give to you; peace which the world can - not

reign with him.
 ser - vants will be.
 bear much fruit.
 ci - ples.
 dwell in them.
 give is my gift.

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace) Joel Houston and Jonas Myrin

Verse 1

All these pieces
 Broken and scattered
 In mercy gathered
 Mended and whole
 Empty handed
 But not forsaken
 I've been set free
 I've been set free

Pre-Chorus

Amazing grace
 How sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 Oh I once was lost
 But now I am found
 Was blind but now I see

Chorus

Oh I can see You now
 Oh I can see the love in Your eyes
 Laying Yourself down
 Raising up the broken to life

Verse 2

You take our failure
 You take our weakness
 You set Your treasure
 In jars of clay
 So take this heart Lord
 I'll be Your vessel
 The world to see Your life in me

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From Ashes to the Living Font



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
2. Through fast - ing, prayer, and char - i - ty Your
3. (*below*)
4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your



Church must jour - ney, Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in
voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to
Church must jour - ney still, Through cross and tomb to



grace re - newed By your most ho - ly word.
ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.
Eas - ter joy, In Spir - it - fire ful - filled.



Year B

Sundays I & II

3. From desert to the mountaintop
In Christ our way we see,
So, tempered by temptation's might
We might transfigured be.

Sunday III

3. Come, purify our hearts and lives,
Cast out our sinful ways;
As temples of the Spirit, cleansed,
Restore us for your praise.

Sunday IV

3. The Son of Man is lifted up,
Our eyes behold the sign:
You are God's own beloved Son,
The source of life divine.

Sunday V

3. Unless, like grains of wheat, we fall
Upon the ground to die,
We cannot share the gift of life,
Raised up, like you, on high.

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