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

Unless a Grain of Wheat

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REFRAIN



- 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.
- "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 gain that count - ed fade. 2. Rich - es and hon - ors will 3. Sil - ver gold have Ι and none, 4. Faith is the wealth pos sess sid now con as loss. earth - ly de - light dis ap pear, land count no to as my home. yet Find - ing its God: source in my and worth - less to in the emp - ty me like field fade the grass the in the wealth be - yond meas - ure Ι in the own faith in the prom - ise of Christ is my 1., 3. 12.4.light of the love of the Lord. light of the love of the Lord. light of the love of the Lord. life and my love of the Lord. What more could bring the pow'r of his us hope than to know life? What more could bring us peace than to share in his suf-f'ring and death? What more could be our

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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.

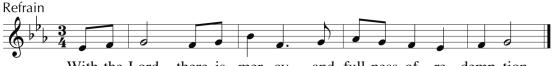
I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives

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



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." Iesus 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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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

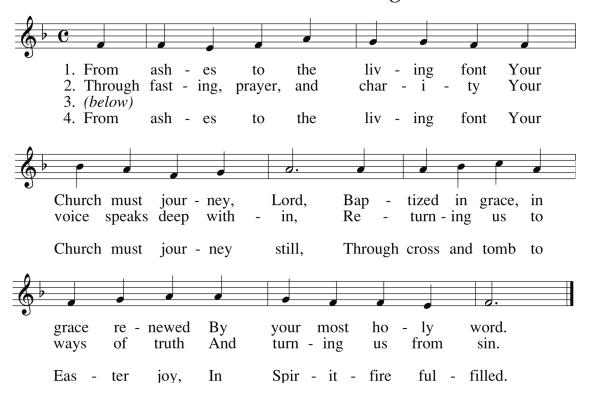
Oh I can see You now Oh I can see the love in Your eyes Laying Yourself down Raising up the broken to life

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



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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