



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

5 Habits of Highly Effective Christians:
Commitment to Compassion

Bell Ringing & Prelude

Confession

P: Most holy and merciful God,

**C: we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

*P: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We diminish our respect and awe of You by not putting our relationship with you
on the top of our priority list. We relegate You to being our god of convenient
comfort rather than Creator of the Cosmos, and so we limit the power you have
in our lives.*

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

*P: We let other voices and speak to us of fulfillment, hope and peace, tempting
us to turn away from the truth you offer us. And so, we have doubted your
presence, your power and your promise.*

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

*P: We have shut our ears to your call to love and serve others with the same
compassionate love and service Christ offers us. We have not been diligent in
staying keenly aware of how we can be a source of comfort, hope and
sustenance to those who suffer, despair and are deprived of what they need. We
have found security in protecting our abundant blessings.*

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

*P: We misuse and abuse the role you have given us in and over creation. We
exploit and squander the earth's resources without inconveniencing ourselves
with consideration for the sustainability of life in the future. We assume the
power of gods, but fail in seeking the Wisdom of God in the use of our power,
focusing too much on our satisfaction in this moment rather than
comprehending the full scope of our actions. We privilege our lives over the
lives of other creatures without respect for the depth of the interconnectedness
of all life.*

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

*P: We do not always own our own problems, nor do we take enough
responsibility for working to solve them. We scapegoat, we make excuses, we
get distracted. We do not bring them to you and open ourselves to the Spirit's
guidance through unexpected voices and resources. We become discontented
because we resign to empty contentment. We default to following the norm
rather than clinging to the distinction of being a Child of God.*

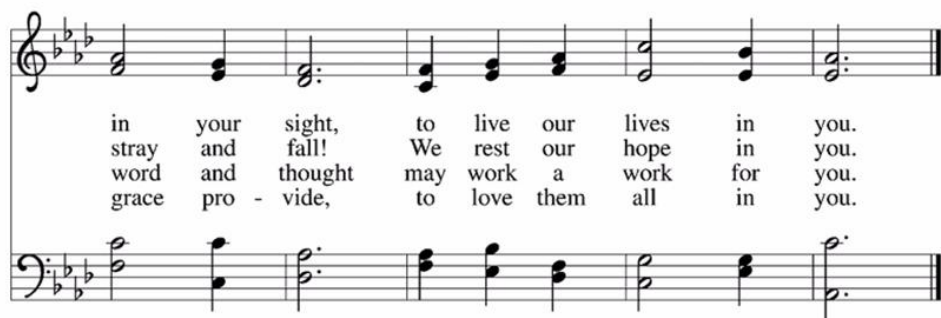
C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father,

C: we give you thanks for the compassionate gift of Jesus, who in his own compassion for us, taught us, led us by example and was obedient to dying for our sins. Yet, his compassion ultimately led him, and all of us, to new life in the Resurrection from death. Send us the Spirit to stir up the compassion of our hearts, that in all gentleness and love, we will bring new life now in all the we do and say. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson.

1 Peter 3

Everyone's goal in the community of the faithful must be to be: of one mind, sympathetic, having love for one another, compassionate, humble, not returning evil for evil or abuse for abuse, but returning blessing, because this is what you have been called to do so you might also inherit a blessing.

For:

*"Those who want to live, love,
and those desiring to see good days,
keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit;
but let them turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."*

[Ps 34:12-16]

And who will mistreat you if you may be earnest in the Faith? But, even if you do happen to suffer because of your righteousness, you are blessed. The fear of the unfaithful is not your fear, and may it never be your anxiety! Make the Lord Christ holy in your hearts. Always be ready with good reasoning for anyone who asking you about the Word in which you hope. But respond to them with gentleness and fear, having a good conscience, so that if you are being slandered, they will be put to shame by their mistreatment of you for your good conduct in Christ. For suffering in doing good, if willed by the Will of God, is better than suffering for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, so that you may approach God . . .

L: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

The Verse



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 7th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Soon after entering the area of Capernaum, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As Jesus came near the gate of the town, behold, the dead only son of his mother was being carried out. She was a widow. With her was a large crowd from the town.

And having seen her, the Lord had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep."

And having come forward, he touched the bier, and the bearers stood still.

And he said, "Young man, I say to you, be raised!"

And the dead sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Fear overcame everyone and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has been raised up among us!" and "God has looked upon his people!"

And this word about Jesus went out throughout Judea and all the surrounding country. The disciples of John the Baptist reported all these things to him, too.

So, John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the Coming One, or are we to wait for another?"

When the John's two disciples had come to Jesus, they asked, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'"

In that hour Jesus healed many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. And Jesus answered them,

"Go and tell John what you have seen and heard:

the blind receive their sight, [Is 61:1]

the lame walk,

the lepers* are cleansed,

the deaf hear, [Is 35:5]

the dead are raised, [Is 26:19]

the poor have good news brought to them. [Is 61:1]

And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

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1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,

Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:

The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,

to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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ELLACOMBE

C M D

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

ONGOING PRAYERS - We pray for Richard Black (*in Assisted Living*), Bob Cruickshank (*dealing with physical weakness*), Erno & Gerda Fodi (*in Nursing Care*), Cheryl Kellogg (*recovering from surgery*), Nel Kennedy (*recovering from surgery*), Peg Lindblom (*back pain*), Mary Perry (*convalescing at home*), Art Schroder (*in rehab*), Walter Straub (*breathing issues*) and Gene Yetter.

LOOK FOR EMAILS FROM GRACE! – We are making every effort to keep everyone at Grace updated with the most current information. In order

to avoid overwhelming everyone with excessive emails & phone calls, our plan going forward is to have a email to the congregation on Wednesday about the Wednesday Service and on Saturday about the Sunday services. Additionally, as most of you have already seen, we are reformatting the layout of our prayer list emails. For the foreseeable future, our prayer list will be emailed out each night at 8:00 p.m. If you have any information that you would like added to the prayer list, please email Doug Jenkins at prayerlist@graceyorktown.org.

JOIN IN A THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY - Our Thursday Bible Studies will be moving to video conferencing each week so that we can still meet for study. An email will be going out to those of you who are “normal” attendees of these Bible studies with instructions on how to connect to the video conferences. If you would like to be included in these Bible studies, please email the church office so that your name can be added to the list.

COME TO WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERVICE - Our Wednesday Evening Taize Services and our regular Sunday worship services will continue to be broadcast via our Facebook private group page and our YouTube channel. Copies of the bulletins for each service will be emailed to everyone so that you have them to refer to during the worship services.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED Our office is working to keep track of how all Grace folks are doing, so please let Pastor Chris know if your status changes so he can pray, reach out, and stay connected – all information remains confidential to him. You can reach Pastor Chris at 914-223-0995.

SOUP CAN DONATIONS – We still have a collection bin outside the church where you can drop off soup cans (we are collecting soup ONLY) that we can then deliver to anyone who may need them. This is an easy way to help our community and we encourage you to drop off cans anytime.

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