

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MORNING PRAYER II
MARCH 29, 2020**



Hymn: O Love, how deep, how broad, how high. (vrs. 1-3)

448 (Hymnal)

**O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.**

**For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought:
By words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.**

Officiant: If we say 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*

Confession of Sin

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

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.

Officiant: 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.

The Invitatory and Psalter

S33 (Hymnal)

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
 let us shout for joy to the **Rock of our salvation.**
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great **King** above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our **Maker.**
For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
 Lord, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O Lord, who could stand?
3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.
5 My soul waits for the Lord,
 more than watchmen for the morning, *
 more than watchmen for the morning.
6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
 for with the Lord there is mercy;
7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put

breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon *Luke 2:29-32*

S254 (Hymnal)

Lord, you now have set your servant free*

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the savior,*

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A light to enlighten the nations,*

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

John 11:1-45

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of John.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,*
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,*
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us from our enemies,*
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers*
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,*
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,*
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,*
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation*
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God*
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,*
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Homily

Mother Cathy Carpenter

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

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.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn: O bless the Lord, my soul!

411 (Hymnal)

**O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!
And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!**

**O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!
Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.**

**He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;
his wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.**

**He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;
he healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.**

**He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;
and like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.**

The Prayers

Intercessor: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the whole church throughout the world, for all the holy people of God. For our presiding bishop, Michael, for our bishop, DeDe, for our rector, Cathy, and for our parish wardens and vestry, that our hearts may be opened to God's desires for our future. *silence*

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. Inspire them, O Lord, to an even greater spirit of public service, and turn us away from blame into actions that make a difference. *silence*

We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. For a world in need and those who seek a good friend. Lead us to understand more deeply what it means to stand in solidarity with them. *silence*

We pray for those who are shut in, those who are ill, those in pain, and those who are lonely, particularly Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Bob Johnson, Elaina Renfrew, Evelyn Mercer, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Ruth Ziemer, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jason, Bill, Steven, Merle, Sharon, Howard, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Justine, Debbie, Eleanor, Lynne, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Abigail, Bill, The Reverend Brooks and Becca Cato, and St. Thomas's Church in Hamilton, NY our service members & their families that God will comfort and heal them. *silence*

We give thanks for those in our faith family. In our diocese we pray for the Church of the Epiphany in Trumansburg, Grace Church in Utica, and the Chaplain and Staff of St. Margaret's House, New Hartford. *silence*

In our parish we pray for the families of Paul Cooney, and Rob & Roxanne Parmele.

And for all the blessings of our lives, that we may continually declare how much God has done for us. *silence*

And finally, we pray for those who have died, especially Viola Lamere, and those we now name (*silence*) who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. *silence.*

Officiant: Blessed are you, God of the living and the dead, for you called your Son from the grave: Receive the prayers we offer this day for those who seek new life in Jesus Christ and for all those in need in every place. Glory to you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Hymn: Lord, whose love through humble service

610 (Hymnal)

**Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light,
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**