

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 29, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



## The Word of God

### The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**People His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.*

### The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Deacon During this season of Lent, we recognize that we, like the Gospel figures listed in the penitential litany we are about to pray, have sinned against you. Therefore, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please join in saying the words **in bold**,*

Like the Prodigal Jesus  
**We have wasted your love.**

Like Nicodemus,  
**We have crept about in darkness.**

Like James and John,  
**We have slept through others' sorrow.**

Like Peter,  
**We have denied and betrayed you.**

Like Pilate,  
**We have washed our hands of blame.**

And yet, as with the woman at the well,  
**You give us drink in the heat of the day.**

As with the man born blind,  
**You open our eyes.**

As with Simon,  
**You teach us mercy.**

As with the disciples,  
**You wash our feet.**

As with the criminal hanging near you,  
**You promise us paradise.**

As with Peter,  
**You restore us in your love.**

Give us, now, Jesus,  
**the gift of repentance, the grace of forgiveness,  
and hearts made ready for Easter's joy.  
Amen.**

*Liturgy for the Whole Church, Susan K Bock*

### The Absolution

† Celebrant 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 Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.**

## The First Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

1st 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.

1st Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

## The Response Psalm 130, *De profundis*

Celebrant Let us say together 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.

## The Second Lesson Romans 8:6-11

2nd Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

2nd Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

## The Holy Gospel John 11:1-45

† Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

† The Sermon

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Celebrant Let us now say together the Creed that we have inherited.

## The Nicene Creed

*(Updated from The Book of Common Prayer addendum, Enriching our Worship I)*

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Leader Gracious God, in this holy season of Lent, remind us that we are one. Receive our prayers as we journey in this season of reflection and growth.

We pray for our church, our nation and the world. May religious leaders and all your faithful people embrace your work of reconciliation. May we come to live as one human family with compassion for all, with dignity for every human being, welcoming the stranger and refugee.

God of mercy, **heal our nation and the world.**

We pray for our community. Teach us the power of forgiveness. May we lead lives of justice and peace.

God of mercy, **heal our nation and the world.**

We pray for those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. Strengthen and protect them.

God of mercy, **heal our nation and the world.**

We pray for the afflicted, the helpless and the homeless, the unemployed and the underemployed. Bless and heal all in need, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Stephanie Bezner, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Nathan Reddall Linman, Luke Miles, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Shelley Reece, Anne Sharp, Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now...*(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud)*, and empower us to engage your healing presence.

God of mercy, **heal our nation and the world.**

We pray for those affected around the world by the corona virus pandemic. We pray for those killed or injured from acts of terrorism, gun violence, abuse of any kind, from the consequences of hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, floods, other natural disasters and diseases and for those who grieve for them.

God of mercy, **heal our nation and the world.**

We pray for those we love but see no longer. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life. We remember before you this day all who have died, especially those we name to you now...

*(please add your own prayers either silently or aloud).*

God of mercy, **heal our nation and the world**

Celebrant Let us pray together

**All Gracious God, giver of life and health: comfort, heal and restore all who are suffering from the coronavirus. Give your healing power to all the doctors and nurses who are ministering to our needs. Bless all who labor in essential work and services so the necessities of life are available. May all of us be strengthened when we feel weak or despondent, anxious or afraid. Help us practice safety for ourselves and others. Inspire us to reach out with the power of healing love. We pray to be faithful and hopeful through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

## Communion Under Special Circumstances with Spiritual Communion

Anthem

*Give Me Jesus*

*Traditional*

*In the morning when I rise give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.*

*O, when I am alone, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.*

*O, when I come to die, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us say together,

**All 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.**

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Celebrant Let us pray together

**All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)**

✠ The Blessing

Celebrant May God bless us, guide us, protect us and use us; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

God Be In My Head

Hymn #69

God be in my head, and in my un-der - stand-ing; God be in mine eyes, and in my look-ing;

7 God be in my mouth, and in my speak-ing; God be in my heart, and in my think-ing;

13 God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The time signature changes from 3/8 to 4/4 to 3/8 to 6/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Hymn #694 The Hymnal 1982

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!