

Welcome to  
**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Morning Prayer  
Rite II  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 29, 2020  
9:00 am Livestream on Facebook**

**Opening Sentence**

*Leader says:*

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. Daniel 9:9, 10

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Leader and People together, standing*

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Invitatory**

*Leader* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

**Venite - Psalm 95:1-7**

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!**

**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 Appointed Psalm- Psalm 130**

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.**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,

**O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you;

**therefore you shall be feared.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;

**in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,

**more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,

**for with the Lord there is mercy;**

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 1st Lesson**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 14: A Song of Penitence**

Prayer of Manasseh 1-2 6-7, 11-15

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,

**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:**

You made the heavens and the earth,

**with all their vast array.**

All things quake with fear at your presence;

**they tremble because of your power.**

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure;

**it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.**

O Lord, you are full of compassion,

**long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.**

You hold back your hand;

**you do not punish as we deserve.**

In your great goodness, Lord,

you have promised forgiveness to sinners,

**that they may repent of their sin and be saved.**

And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,

**and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.**

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,

**and I know my wickedness only too well.**

Therefore I make this prayer to you:

**Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.**

Do not let me perish in my sin,

**nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.**

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,

**and in me you will show forth your goodness.**

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,

in accordance with your great mercy,

**and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.**

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,

**and yours is the glory to ages of ages.**

**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 2nd Lesson**

Romans 8:6-11

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah**

Isaiah 12:2-6

**Surely, it is God who saves me;**

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say,**

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples;**

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.**

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,**

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of 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.**

**The Gospel**

John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

Rev. Roger Haenke

**The Apostles Creed**

**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.**

### **The Prayers**

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Leader* Let us pray.

**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.**

**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.

### **The Collect of the Day**

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 Collect for Sunday**

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.**

### **Coronavirus Litany**

*adapted by Theresa Carmona*

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear us.**

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear us.**

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear us.**

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with all those who have been quarantined or restricted in their movements. Grant them patience, health and reassurance during their time of isolation and waiting.

We pray, **Grant them your peace.**

Be with those whose livelihoods or finances are or will be negatively affected by this virus. Give them the wherewithal to find the resources they need to take care of themselves and their families.

We pray, **Grant them your peace.**

Be with our elderly and immunocompromised. Help us to be mindful and vigilant of their vulnerabilities; and guide us to avoid carelessness so that they may remain whole.

We pray, **Grant them your peace.**

Be with the homeless in our neighborhood and across our planet.

May they be shown kindness and care in this time of fear and insecurity.

We pray, **Grant them your peace.**

Be with those who feel overwhelmed by the torrent of media coverage and information. Help them to discern what is important to know and what to set aside.

We pray, **Grant them your peace.**

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at eternal rest with you.

We pray, **Grant them your peace.**

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair.

We pray, **Grant them your peace.**

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection.

We pray, **Grant them your peace.**

Be with our local, state, national and world leaders. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of all they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for and deal with outbreaks and its challenges. Above all, give them the courage to work together for the greater good.

We pray, **Grant them your peace.**

Whether we are at home, or in the community; surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

We pray, **Grant us your peace.**

Lord Jesus Christ, give us courage to hope for better times. Help us to be vigilant and generous. Make us courageous to continue to be your hands in the community. Teach us to pray honestly and expectantly, and when our prayers seem to fail, bring us to pray again and again; for you are our help and our shield, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **The General Thanksgiving**

**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**

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*

#### **St. John's Clergy**

The Rev. Roger Haenke, *Priest-in-Charge*

The Rev. Jack Tolley

The Rev. Dr. Al Stott

The Rev. Cathey Dowdle

### **Prayers List**

Today and every day include some time for prayer, for yourself,  
for your church family, and for those in need.

#### **For our Military**

Matt Jensen, Drew Shorkey, Cody Crossland, Cameron Ronie, Chariti Paden, Mark Stanfield,  
Sean Robinson, Jonathan Martinez, TK Nguyen, Christopher Lindshield, Timothy Lindshield,  
Jeremy Colton, David Sanchez, Jonathan Baldera, Nick Wyatt, Jamal Warner,  
Matt Hernandez, Daniel Getreu, Jocelyn Hernandez, Devon Strunk, Taylor Harrold,  
Jorge Zuazua, Katherine Milam, Sebastian Morales and Richie Lebron.

#### **For Strength In Time of Need**

Scott Hunter, Betty Robertson, Rob McKay, Marion Jakubiak, Bill Rogers,  
Brian Elly, Marcia Schramm, Malia Attaway, Allison Thomas, Norma Dunn,  
Bernie Poindexter, Donna Saunders-Williams, Mary Ann Gurno and Liz Dewar.

Those unable to come to services, but thankful for their continuing connection with St. John's  
especially Lois Miller, Juanita Hart, and Paul Erickson.

*Names are kept on the Prayers List for 4 weeks and should be submitted by Wednesday.  
If you wish to add a name, please email Maria Love at: [maria@saint-johns.org](mailto:maria@saint-johns.org).*

#### **We Are Available in Your Time of Need**

If you have a pastoral emergency when the parish offices are closed,  
please call Rev. Roger at 619-301-0724 or email [revroger@saint-johns.org](mailto:revroger@saint-johns.org)

#### **St. John's Mission Statement**

St. John's is a Christian community that intentionally gathers to experience God's love  
through Episcopal worship, education, fellowship, and ministry to the wider community.

#### **Office Hours**

**The office is currently open from 9:00-3:00 on Wednesdays and Thursdays.  
You may email Maria at [maria@saint-johns.org](mailto:maria@saint-johns.org) any time during the week for assistance.**

### **A Message about Holy Week Services**

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39*

Our Presiding Bishop has announced that in-person worship for Holy Week and Easter will be suspended.

That does not mean that we will not worship for Holy Week and Easter!

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again. This truth does not change, and no matter how different our lives are today than they were a week ago, we still need to hear the good news of Christ.

How we will celebrate Holy Week and Easter at St. John's is yet to be determined.

### **Maudy Thursday Footwashing Update**

The Maudy Thursday Footwashing Event has been postponed.  
Norma Dunn has mailed \$370 to the Diocese as our contribution for shoes, as requested.  
The 135 pairs of socks and the 12 bags of toiletries are stored at her home until they are required at a later date.

### **St. John's Vestry**

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