

The Liturgy of the Word

Sunday, March 29, 2020

5th Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, York, PA

*Welcome to our “virtual” worship.
Please engage in the responses as usual.*

Here's the link to the Zoom Session:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/960965814>

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Presider may say

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.*

Presider Lord Have Mercy.

People **Christ Have Mercy.**

Presider Lord Have Mercy.

Presider The Lord be with you.

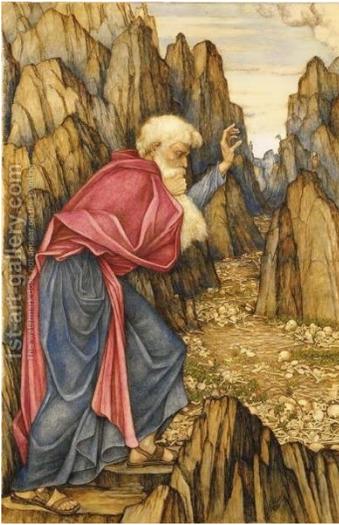
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider continues with 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.*

A READING FROM 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 *PEOPLE – Thanks be to God.*

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.



A READING FROM 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 HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN 11:1-45

People 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.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The presider calls the congregation to prayer saying

Let us come before the Lord our God and offer our prayers and thanksgivings.

The intercessor continues

Inspire your Church throughout the World to examine how we have drifted farther from you and how we have drawn nearer to you. Help us to set aside our own desires and the pursuit of vain glory so that we may help all people know of your love. We pray especially for our parish of St. Andrew's and all our people. For our Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and Audrey, our bishop. We pray for all those who proclaim your Word and for those who have yet to hear your word.

Silence

Stir up the nations to listen for your presence in their actions. Awaken our leaders to be guided by you. Raise up among us future leaders to guide our nations into a strong and loving and healing future.

Silence

Sustain those who care for our communities and all of your creation. Help us to always remember that we are stewards of this Earth and obliged to protect it for future generations.

Silence

Draw near to those who suffer in any way. Be present with those who are sick. Comfort those whose lives draw to a close. Sustain those who are recovering from any affliction. We especially pray for those we now name either silently or aloud. (*You may add the names of those in need of our prayers*).

Silence

We also pray for those who care for the sick, injured, or lonely. Be present with our first responders and the members of our armed forces at home and abroad.

Silence

Welcome those who have died in to your eternal presence, especially those we now name (*you may add the names of those who have died*).

Silence

May they with Andrew and all the Saints rejoice and lift their voices in praise of you. All our prayers we offer to you and beseech you to give us the joy of your saving help.

People Sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

The priest offers this concluding collect

Hear our heartfelt prayers and joyous thanksgiving, O God of Forgiveness. Grant us true repentance and your Holy Spirit. May that which we do on this day please you and may the rest of our life be pure and holy so that at last we may come to your eternal joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.



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The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Celebrant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy

People *Slow to anger and abounding in mercy*

Celebrant Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

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Scroll down until you see "York – St. Andrew's." Click the box and provide the requested information. If you have a giving-envelope number, please include that in the comments box. You do not need an envelope number to contribute online.

You may also send checks to the church office. We are still regularly checking the mail:

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1502 Fourth Ave., York, PA 17403.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

This concludes our worship. We will keep you posted as to our future worship opportunities. Details about next Sunday's worship will be available very soon. We are hoping to have a new system in place to reach more people and streamline the process.

Be well. Be kind. Share the love of God and the presence of Jesus Christ. Grant+