



**5TH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MORNING PRAYER**

**MARCH 29, 2020**  
**AT-HOME GUIDE**

## THE OPENING SENTENCE

*The Officiant says*

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the People*

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

*Silence is kept. All kneeling, the Officiant and People say*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,**

**we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,**

**and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;**

**and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Spare all those who confess their faults.**

**Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,**

**that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,**

**to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Or the Officiant remains kneeling and prays*

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

*Officiant* O Lord, open our lips;

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

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

*People* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

*People* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant* Praise the Lord.

*People* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
**O come, let us adore him.**

## THE VENITE

O come, let us sing unto the LORD; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God \*  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the depths of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, \*  
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.

Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts \*  
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness,

When your fathers tested me, \*  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation and said, \*  
"It is a people that err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways,"

Of whom I swore in my wrath \*  
that they should not enter into my rest.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
O come, let us adore him.

## PSALM 130

*Said responsively by whole verse.*

- <sup>1</sup> Out of the deep have I called unto you, O LORD; \*  
Lord, hear my voice.
- <sup>2</sup> **O let your ears consider well \***  
**the voice of my supplications.**
- <sup>3</sup> If you, LORD, were to mark what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could abide it?
- <sup>4</sup> **For there is mercy with you; \***  
**therefore you shall be feared.**
- <sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my trust.
- <sup>6</sup> **My soul waits for the Lord, \***  
**more than watchmen for the morning, more than**  
**watchmen for the morning.**
- <sup>7</sup> O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy, \*  
and with him is plenteous redemption;
- <sup>8</sup> **And he shall redeem Israel \***  
**from all their sins.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*The People sit.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>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."

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>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.' <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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 People stand.*

CANTICLE

*"We Praise You, O God"*

**We praise you, O God; we acclaim you as Lord; \*  
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, \*  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, \*  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**The glorious company of apostles praise you. \*  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. \*  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:**

**Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, \*  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory, \*  
the eternal Son of the Father.**

**When you took our flesh to set us free \*  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death \*  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory. \*  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, \*  
bought with the price of your own blood,**

**and bring us with your saints \*  
to glory everlasting.**

*The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

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. <sup>7</sup> 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, <sup>8</sup> and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> 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.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand.*

CANTICLE

*"God be merciful"*

**May God be merciful unto us, and bless us, \***  
**and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.**

**Let your way be known upon earth, \***  
**your saving health among all nations.**

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; \***  
**indeed, let all the peoples praise you.**

**O let the nations rejoice and be glad, \***  
**for you shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern**  
**the nations upon earth.**

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; \***  
**let all the peoples praise you.**

**Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, \***  
**and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.**

**God shall bless us, \***  
**and all the ends of the world shall fear him.**

**THE GOSPEL**

A Reading from John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> 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." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> 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." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> 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." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> 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." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> 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."

<sup>45</sup> 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.**

**THE HOMILY**

The Reverend Wes Gristy (online)

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**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 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

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*The People kneel as able.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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.**

*Officiant* O Lord, show your mercy upon us.

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant* O Lord, guide those who govern us;

*People* **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* **And let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save your people;

*People* **And bless your inheritance.**

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*People* **And defend us by your mighty power.**

*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

## 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 this 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 STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT IN TIMES OF SOCIAL CONFLICT OR DISTRESS

Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR MISSION

**Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Officiant invites the People to offer intercessions and thanksgivings.*

*Please remember in your prayers:*

- Foley, our Archbishop, and Bill, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people in our Diocese and Congregation, especially St. Peter's Anglican Church in Forestville, NY and the Rev. Vincent Coppola
- Jerry and Stacy Kramer in Tanzania and Iraq, Suzy McCall and Amanda Scott in Honduras, Craig Stewart in South Africa, and Tillie Tiller in Chad
- Our president, Donald Trump, our governor, Bill Lee, and our mayor, Scott Conger
- Those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Rich and Carole Beitz, Hayes Binkley, Debbie Colgrove, Kyna Dettman, Carlin Diffee, Mary Louise Flanagan, Caroljeanne Phillips, Shirley Phillips, Wilbur Pope, Micah Psungo, Charles Richards, Bill and Anne Ross, and Liam and Wendy Williams
- Those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Scott Huelin, Kim Howerton, Micah Psungo, Carrie Whaley, and Caitlin Wright

## **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.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE CONCLUDING SENTENCE**

*The Officiant says*

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