

**The Fifty Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

**9:30 A.M. (RITE II)**

To Participate call at 9:25am: Free Call Number: **605-472-5741 Access Code 668055**. Mute your phone if you are in a very busy area.

***Today we will experiment with Holy Communion: you provide your bread and wine and participate in the Great Thanksgiving and consume at the appropriate section***

*Call to Order with music if possible!*

**Forty Days and forty nights**

1 Forty days and forty nights  
You were fasting in the wild;  
Forty days and forty nights,  
Tempted, and yet undefiled.

2 Shall not we your sorrow share  
And from worldly joys abstain,  
Fasting with unceasing prayer,  
Strong with you to suffer pain?

3 Then, if Satan on us press,  
Flesh or spirit to assail,  
Victor in the wilderness,  
Grant we may not faint nor fail!

4 So shall we have peace divine;  
Holier gladness ours shall be.  
Round us, too, shall angels shine,  
Such as served You faithfully.

5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,  
Ever constant by your side,  
That with you we may appear  
At th'eternal Eastertide.

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures forever.

*The Celebrant says:*

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*

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.*

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*The Kyrie Eleison*

Lord, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.* Lord, have mercy (X3)

**The Lord be with you**

**And also, with God, 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.*

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet 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, "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.

*The Psalm for this Sunday is Psalm 130. We will read it responsively by half-verse, breaking at the asterisk.*

**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 forever. Amen

*A reading from Paul's Letter 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**Sequence Hymn**    Blessed Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain:*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

***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 our Lord”  
Praise to you, Lord Christ

**Sermon Reflection**

**Pastor Prince**

**The Prayers of the People**

Prayer Points:

*In the Diocese, let us pray for* Christ Church Accokeek (St. John's Parish) and St. John's Chapel Christ Church, Georgetown; Christ Church, Chaptico. Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Martin Luther King, Jr. (April 4)

***In the Anglican Communion***, on the fifth Sunday in Lent, is the focus of the Primates' Task Group's call for a period of prayer and repentance in the Anglican Communion.

The Bishop of West Malaysia, Moon Hing, is a member of the Task Group and has written this prayer, which the Task Group offers to the Anglican Communion for use today. Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Sovereign Lord of the universe, Creator of humankind, we, your unfaithful children, are truly sorry for our sins and the lives that we have lived. We sincerely believe and confess in our hearts that only through the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary, can we obtain Your forgiveness.

We repent that:

In thought, word or deed, we have committed serious offences against You and our neighbors; In laziness, despair and lust for power, we have provoked hatred, division and hurt within our communities; In greed, deceit and indifference, we have caused serious damage, unnecessary conflict and aggravated destruction to our refugee and migrant brothers and sisters; In selfishness, insensitivity and bias, we have encouraged and emboldened those who inflict hurt, pain and sorrow on our loved ones and families; In the name of religion, doctrine and even of Christ himself, we have wounded believers and pursuers of holiness and faith; In stubbornness, pride and arrogance, we have caused division and strife within Your church and among Your children; Mercifully send Your Holy Spirit – the Spirit of order and comfort – and cleanse us from all unrighteousness; restore in us true faith in Christ which brings truth, peace and harmony; and help us to walk together with our brothers and sisters in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of Your name. Amen.

**Clergy: let us pray for:** *Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, *Mariann*, our Bishop, and *Prince*, our Rector.

**Government: let us pray for:** *Donald*, our President, the Congress of the United States; **the** Supreme Court; *Larry*, our Governor; *Angela*, our County Executive.

**For the Nations of the world:** for God's protection against the spread of the coronavirus, families that have been affected, hospitals and care-giving facilities; travelers and tourists:

Forgive us

As we have feared others,

**And in doing so Have contaminated our hearts.**

Forgive us As we have hoarded our resources,

**And in doing so**

**Have abandoned our witness.**

Forgive us As we have desired control,

**And in doing so Have not loved our neighbor.**

Comfort the afflicted among us. In their loneliness, provide care. In their sickness, provide health. In their weariness, provide rest.

**We grieve the contagious fear that we consume and spread.**

Soothe our anxious minds as we read viral headlines. And protect those who have been victims of racism and fear-mongering Because of our dread of the unknown.

**Protect us from the evil one**

Who aims to use each update, not to inform or guide, But to stoke the flames of chaos and confusion.

**We thank you for health care workers**

Who care for the sick and tend to bodies and souls With great compassion and commitment.

**Give them stamina. Give them wisdom. Give them grace.**

We pray for those who lack access to health care, Or safe places to rest their heads. We pray for the vulnerable: The sick, The disabled, The elderly, The uninsured.

**For the Kingdom is theirs.**

We pray for the mother working paycheck to paycheck, Who worries about her children and the job she can't afford To take time off from.

**For she reflects Your image.**

We pray for the chronically ill fighting invisible battles, Hour by hour, day by day. Nourish their bodies; Protect their souls.

**For they are never out of your sight.**

**We lament our roles in an empire**

That values profit over human life And takes advantage of our anxious spirits.

**We acknowledge that we are not immune to the human condition,**

And we repent from ways we have benefited From dehumanizing systems and structures.

**We ask for your Holy guidance**

As we journey into the unknown.

**Ignite in us a spirit of generosity;**

Of hope and mercy; Of grace and truth; Of gentleness and self-control.

**Cleanse our spirits, Comfort our minds, Care for our bodies, And make us new. We give thanks that you lavish your grace onto us,**

Not pushing us into shame, but providing a steadfast comfort. When all else falls away, we turn to You and You alone.

**We pray this in the name of Jesus Who healed the sick And sat with the poor. Amen.**

**Sick & Suffering: let us pray for *Larry* Sweeney; *Azante* Williams (sister of D'Marco Murray); *Jean* Gill (congregation member); *Consuello* Chapman (congregation member); *Charlotte* Gibbs (congregation member);**

**Brenda** Murray (congregation member); **Florence** Burt (congregation member); **Stephanie** Sharp (family of Thomasine & Ricky Lyles) and **Akil** Jackson (friend of Thomasine & Ricky Lyles); **Lillian** Smith (congregation member); and **Nancy** Murrell (congregation member). **Charlize** Gilliam (niece of June Wood)

**Military Personnel: let us pray for Kenneth** Hubbard, **Jay** Lemon, **Omega** Marks, **Emmanuel** Staples-Bloom & **Festina** Hume-Dawson

General Thanksgiving All

**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 ourselves 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.**

### **Confession of Sin**

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.

*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 Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

***Get your bread and wine ready*** (Hymn: To God Be The Glory)

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us  
for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become  
subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus  
Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human.....

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in.....

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Now take up your bread*

The Body of Christ.....

*Now take up you wine*

The Blood of Christ

*At the end:*

Let us Pray:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**



**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE.**

**THANK YOU.**

**Bible Study:** Phone in Bible Study will take place on Wednesday at 7:30pm. Free Call Number: 605-472-5741 Access Code 668055.

**Emergency Situation:** As we all are aware, the decision to close operations has not changed. We will continue to worship by phone until otherwise advised. Please check your email message for suggestions on Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Day services, and if you have questions do not hesitate to call me: 301-379-8951. To join worship and Bible Study dial: 605-472-5741 Access Code 668055 (this is to allow for interested persons to join the Cathedral service each week. For all pastoral needs please call the cell of Pastor Prince: 301-379-8951 Please look at your email for the order of **service**.

**Diocesan Response to Coronavirus**

Friends,

In this time of uncertainty and change, your diocesan staff and I are here to support and serve you.

We've gathered a robust collection of resources to help navigate the coming weeks as we respond to the coronavirus pandemic. We'll continue to update as new practices and information become available. Know that we are praying for you and are available to help. You belong to a wider community and we will get through this storm together. Remember that Jesus is in the boat with us.

Faithfully,

Bishop Mariann

**Pledge Cards.** 2020 Pledge Cards and Pledge Envelopes are located are still available for each member to complete.

**Next Confirmation Service:** The next Diocesan service of confirmation/Reception and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows at the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, Washington National Cathedral is postponed till further notice. But confirmation class will continue by phone, so, those who are interested must give their names by email to the Rector; or Maurice Fox, Karla Alston, Wilma Marks and Erline Vaughan. Thanks

**Birthdays & Anniversaries April 2018**

Ms. Areanna Cole	4/22
Mr. Charles Howard	4/8
Mr. Ernest Smith	4/15