

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

# MORNING PRAYER RITE II

March 29, 2020 10:30 AM

The Rev. Kevin LJ Schubert, Rector

The Rev. Jim Enelow, Deacon

Ms. Mi-Young Kim, Music Director

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to worship God and share our faith through word, action, and service.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. In this difficult and uncertain time, our commitment to one another as the Body of Christ is more important than ever. We don't know yet how to best express that or what our corporate worship will look like, but we'll figure it out together. We are blessed to be able to join together in prayer, even as we are unable to be together in person as we would wish.

While we are unable to gather in person, we'll be worshipping together using the liturgy of MORNING PRAYER, rather than the more familiar service of Eucharist. For centuries, Morning Prayer was the standard Sunday morning service for most Episcopal churches, until the liturgical revival of the 1960s and 70s brought communion to the center of worship for many Protestant churches. Communion cannot be administered virtually, so this time of virtual worship offers us the opportunity to revisit our history and pray together using a different form, that of Morning Prayer.

THE SEASON OF LENT is the period of forty days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. It is traditionally a time of self-examination and repentance through prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditating on scripture. Lent concludes with the Easter Vigil Service on the night before Easter Day. The forty days of Lent symbolizes the forty years in which the Israelites wandered in the wilderness in search of the Promised Land. It also recalls the time Jesus spent in the wilderness in fasting and prayer, during which he was tempted. A common practice during Lent is to participate in a Lenten discipline; this can involve giving something up or taking on a new practice, in order to deepen your faith and bring you closer to Christ. We hope you will join us as the community of St. George's journeys together into the Lenten season.

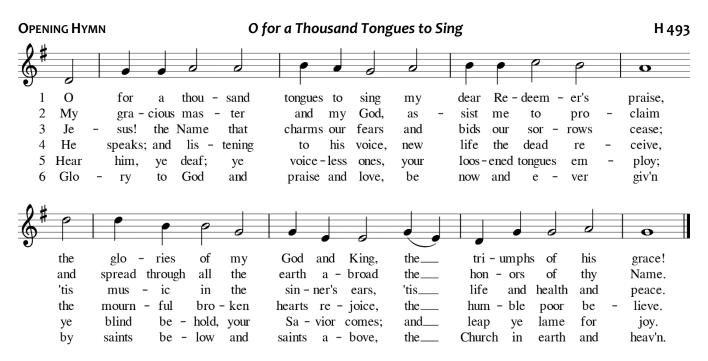
#### **OPENING AND WELCOME**

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OPENING SENTENCE**

Celebrant Jesus said, "If anyone will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

(Mark 8:34)



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Asmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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

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.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

#### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Celebrant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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.

**INVITATORY PSALM** 

Please join in reading invitatory psalm. The antiphon is repeated at the beginning and end.

Antiphon: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God: \*

he himself has made us, and we are his:

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;

his mercy is everlasting; \*

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Antiphon: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

**PSALM 130 DE PROFUNDIS** 

Please join in reading the psalm.

- 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; \* 3

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, \* 5 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. Psalm 100

#### THE LESSONS

FIRST READING EZEKIEL 37:1-14

Reader A reading from 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, "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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE Second Song of Isaiah

ISAIAH 55:6-11

Please join in reading the canticle.

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \* call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways \* and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \* and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \* nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \* so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \* and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, \* seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \* it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \* and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.

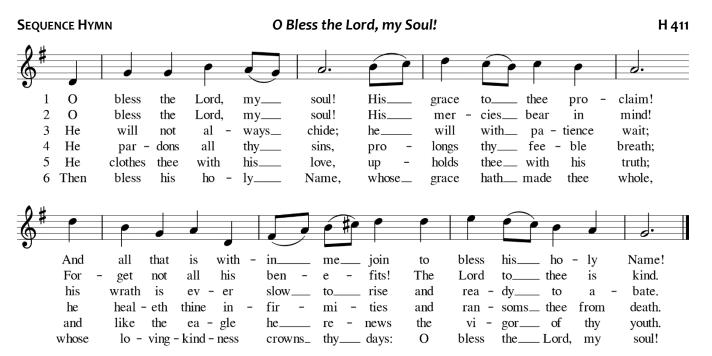
SECOND READING ROMANS 8:6-11

Reader A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103-1-5.

Music: St. Thomas (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

THIRD READING JOHN 11:1-45

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON THE REV. JIM ENELOW

THE APOSTLES' CREED BCP 96

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

Officiant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Suffrages A BCP 97

Deacon Show us your mercy, O Lord; People And grant us your salvation.

Deacon Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People Let your people sing with joy.

Deacon Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; People For only in you can we live in safety.

Deacon Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Deacon Let your way be known upon earth;
People Your saving health among all nations.

Deacon Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; People Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Deacon Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP 219

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

BCP 98

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE BCP 100

Officiant Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to

guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through

Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

COLLECT FOR MISSION BCP 101

Officiant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son

to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our

Lord.

People Amen.

#### Intercessions

Officiant

We pray for our community and the world, and for all who have requested our prayers.

Be present with your church, especially the Anglican Communion's Season of Prayer and Repentance, and with all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our bishops, Kevin our rector, and Jim our deacon.

Be present with all your people, especially with Melissa our Senior Warden; with Bryan, our field seminarian, and with Joel, our sponsored seminarian; with our Vestry and other leaders; with the ministries of our parish in St. George's Day School and St. George's Court, and with this congregation.

Be present with all who govern in this and every land, especially Donald, our President, and Greg, our Governor, and the leaders of all the nations of the earth.

Be present with all those experiencing illness, need, sorrow, or any other adversity, especially Pat, Kate, Raynelle, Sister Mary Jean, Jean, Amber, Gladys, Jonas, Charles, Ralph, Kirk, Ann, Makena, Polly, Bailey, Melinda, Hans, Juan, Mary, Martha, Shubh, Ben, Gail, Colleen, Elizabeth, Linda, Leon, Tom, Alfred, Valerie, Pete, and the Dalton family. We pray also for Zach, Dustin, Maddison, and all the men and women in our armed forces.

Be present with all who celebrate another year, especially Carey, Reeves, James, Frances, Caroline, and Rylee.

We pray for all who have died, especially Ruth, and we thank you for the lives of all your saints.

I invite you to add your own prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings.

(Silence)

Grant these our prayers, O God, in the name of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

People Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING BCP 101

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.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM BCP 102

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.

#### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



Words: Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); adapt. of John 6.

Music: I Am the Bread of Life, Suzanne Toolan (b. 1927); arr. Betty Pulkingham (b. 1928).

#### THE BLESSING

Officiant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the

knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you

always.

People Amen.

# PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

#### For those who are sick or facing medical issues, especially:

Pat Beckham Kirk Hoffman Shubh Schiesser

Kate BerginAnn KauppiBen SearsRaynelle BlechMakena LandgrafGail SnyderSister Mary Jean BludauPolly LittrellColleen Stark

Jean Dalton Bailey McKennon Elizabeth Tennyson

Amber Dupuy Melinda Mendez Linda Wallace Gladys Dykes Hans Mueller Leon Wegele Jonas Ellwanger Juan Navarro Tom Wooten

Charles Foster Mary Parker Ralph Hausser Martha Sahs

#### For those who have died and their families, especially

**Ruth Crawford** 

#### For those facing difficult circumstances, especially:

The Dalton Family Valerie McKesson Lara

Alfred Davalos Pete Sebert

#### For those serving in the armed forces and their families, especially:

Zach Mertz Dustin Worcester Maddison Worcester

# For those who celebrate birthdays, especially:

Carey Kerrigan (Mar 29) James Poage (Mar 31) Caroline Braun (Apr 1)
Reeves Ham (Mar 30) Frances Rickard (Mar 31) Rylee Worcester (Apr 4)

#### For those who celebrate anniversaries, especially:

Kelly & Suzette Puckett (Apr 1) Laura Henkel & Susan Highfield (Apr 2)

### In the Anglican cycle of prayer: In the Diocese of Texas cycle of prayer:

Anglican Communion's Season of Prayer and St. Peter's, Brenham Repentance St. Philip's, Hearne

Ct. The area of Callaga Ct

St. Thomas', College Station

Names can be added to this list by emailing Jennifer at <a href="mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com">stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</a>.

# THE SUNDAY BANNER - March 29, 2020

- LENTEN SERIES Unfortunately, we have been unable to hold the final two sessions of our annual Lenten Series as planned. But our facilitator Mikail McIntosh-Doty has kindly made her presentation and materials available online! To access her materials for the session originally planned for tonight, March 25th The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Prior Engagements with Religion please visit the Education page of the church website at <a href="www.sgchurch.org/education">www.sgchurch.org/education</a>, where you will find multiple links and (hopefully) clear instructions about how to access everything. Please contact Mikail at <a href="mailto:Mikail.Doty@concordia.edu">Mikail.Doty@concordia.edu</a> with any questions.
- GIVING TO ST. GEORGE'S We are grateful for your financial support as we navigate new ways to stay connected in these challenging times. Your gifts enable us to use modern technology to connect to each other, as well as to continue to pay our ongoing expenses, including salaries. If you have been giving to St. George's by putting a check or cash in the plate on Sundays, please consider giving online by clicking the DONATE button on the Stewardship page of the church's website: <a href="www.sgchurch.org/stewardship">www.sgchurch.org/stewardship</a>. You can set up regular weekly or monthly donation using a credit card or a bank account. Thank you for your generosity.
- ❖ ZOOM We have already begun using the Zoom platform to worship together, and we will also be using it for other gatherings, from vestry meetings to the Women's Book Group. Zoom is very easy to use and is free for participants. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com">stgeorgeaustin@gmail.com</a> with any questions about how to set up Zoom on your computer or other device. We want everyone to be able to stay as connected as possible!

## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMON LIFE

PRAYER FOR THE SICK BCP 260

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### PRAYER FOR HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS

**BCP 460** 

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### FEAST DAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

**Tue, March 31** John Donne, Priest and Poet, 1631 **Sat, April 4** Martin Luther King, Jr., Pastor and Martyr, 1968

**Wed, April 1** Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872 **Sun, April 5** Palm Sunday

**Fri, April 3** Mary of Egypt, Hermit and Penitent, c.421

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