

the fifth sUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 29, 2020
9:00 am

MORNING PRAYER

Welcome to St. James' Facebook Live worship.

Please use this Service Leaflet along with your Book of Common Prayer to join our hearts and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.

The Collect

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.**

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, *
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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.

The First 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 round 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.'

The Epistle: 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 Gospel: 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 for 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 for 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 upwards 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.

Sermon

The Rev. Jean M. DeVaty

TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray God's blessing and favor upon the Church of Ireland, and the Dioceses of El Camino Real, CA and Florida. In our Diocese we ask your blessing and favor upon our Bishop Bill and his family; upon St. Peter's Church, Hobart; and Church of the Messiah, Glens Falls.

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Adam, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Dick, Karen, Todd, Dori, Pattie Jo, Ellie, Lynn, Margie, Joyce, Stephen, Dana, Pam, Katherine, Claudia, and Holly.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Rector and Vestry as they lead St. James': Mtr. Jean, Tiffany, Scott, Barbara, Bob, Jay, Bonnie, Jackie and Michele.

We give thanks for Kim Barton who celebrates a birthday this week.

READ, MARK, AND INWARDLY DIGEST

During this National Emergency there will be no in person services and the office is closed. Please join us on Facebook Live at 9:00 each Sunday for corporate worship. Please keep in touch with each other by phone, email, or notes and pray daily for each other.

How we may be the family of God in this time:

1. **Seek Christ** daily and pray! As often as we can we will post a video of Morning Prayer on our Facebook page. Morning Prayer gives you the Word of God for the day and in return you give your day to the Lord. If you do not have access to the internet, please let us know when we check in with you so that we might send devotional materials to encourage you.
2. **Live Christ** by calling one another to give and receive encouragement and to make certain that we all have what we need to walk through this together. If you discover a need, please call the church office to let us know so that we may help.
3. **Share Christ** by sending notes or cards. Who doesn't like to receive mail? It only takes three sentences to remind someone that you are thinking and praying for him or her. Why not send a few to Glens Falls Hospital to give to those who have no visitors.
4. **Praise Christ** with how you live during this time. Love God by taking care of yourself and giving yourself to others.

Observe a Holy Lent with Stations of the Cross: The stations of the cross will be available to watch on our Facebook page as well as our website. This is a powerful way to walk with our Lord Jesus Christ during this national emergency.

Change for Change with Heifer International. All through Lent, the Daughters of the King will be collecting change to purchase life changing items for people in need. Please take a self-denial box and help purchase a flock of poultry, a goat, or a hive of bees.

Palm Sunday Scripture lessons. Read ahead and prepare your heart to hear God's Word: Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50: 4-9; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 27: 11-54.

Offering March 15, 2020: \$510.00. If you are able please send your tithes and offerings to the church office during this time.

Service leaflet announcements are due in the office by Tuesday.

holy week at st. james'

Unless government guidelines change, all Holy Week services will be held online through live-streaming on our Facebook page: St. James' Episcopal Church, Lake George. Please check our Facebook page, our website at www.stjameslg.com, and your email inbox for updates.

palm sunday, april 5

9:00am Liturgy of the Palms and Liturgy of the Word

maundy thursday, april 9

7:00 pm

good friday, april 10

Noon Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross and Solemn Collects

easter vigil, april 11

8:00 pm Lighting of the Easter Fire, Easter Vigil, & Renewal of Baptismal Vows

resurrection sunday, april 12

9:00 am Resurrection Celebration
of our Lord Jesus Christ

Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.

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