



**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 29, 2020**  
**10:45am**

## **Announcements**

## **Opening Songs**

*Lord I Lift Your Name on High  
Your Great Name*

*Priest* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

## **Confession**

*Priest*

As children of God's light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace. Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

*All*

**Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves to be loved by You. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

*Priest*

God's goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our life. Receive God's goodness and mercy. Your sins are forgiven, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

*Clergy* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Clergy* 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.**

## **Reading**

**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.

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

### Gospel Song

For the word of God lives here deep in our  
hearts and is sharp - er than the blade of an - y sword  
Grass - es fade flow - ers fall but God's love en -  
dures. Please guide us oh Lord to Your will.  
This is God's Word

### The Gospel

**John 11:1-45**

*Clergy*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

- Narrator:** A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying, “Lord, the one whom you love is ill.” When he heard this, Jesus said,
- Jesus:** “This illness isn’t fatal. It’s for the glory of God so that God’s Son can be glorified through it.”
- Narrator:** Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. When he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was. After two days, he said to his disciples,
- Jesus:** “Let’s return to Judea again.”
- Narrator:** The disciples replied,
- Congregation:** “Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?”
- Narrator:** Jesus answered,
- Jesus:** “Aren’t there twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day doesn’t stumble because they see the light of the world. But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light isn’t in them.”
- Narrator:** He continued,

**Jesus:** “Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up.”

**Narrator:** The disciples said,

**Congregation:** “Lord, if he’s sleeping, he will get well.”

**Narrator:** They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus’ death. Jesus told them plainly,

**Jesus:** “Lazarus has died. For your sakes, I’m glad I wasn’t there so that you can believe. Let’s go to him.”

**Narrator:** Then Thomas (the one called Didymus) said to the other disciples,

**Thomas:** “Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus.”

**Narrator:** When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother’s death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. Martha said to Jesus,

**Martha:** “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you.”

**Narrator:** Jesus told her,

**Jesus:** “Your brother will rise again.”

**Narrator:** Martha replied,

**Martha:** “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day.”

**Narrator:** Jesus said to her,

**Jesus:** “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

**Narrator:** She replied,

**Martha:** “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God’s Son, the one who is coming into the world.”

**Narrator:** After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary,

**Martha:** “The teacher is here and he’s calling for you.”

**Narrator:** When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. He hadn’t entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb. When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said,

**Mary:** “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”

**Narrator:** When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked,

**Jesus:** “Where have you laid him?”

**Narrator:** They replied,

**Congregation:** “Lord, come and see.”

**Narrator:** Jesus began to cry. The Jews said,

**Congregation:** “See how much he loved him!”

**Narrator:** But some of them said,

**Congregation:** “He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

**Narrator:** Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said,

**Jesus:** “Remove the stone.”

**Narrator:** Martha, the sister of the dead man, said,  
**Martha:** “Lord, the smell will be awful! He’s been dead four days.”  
**Narrator:** Jesus replied,  
**Jesus:** “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?”  
**Narrator:** So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said,  
**Jesus:** “Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.”  
**Narrator:** Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice,  
**Jesus:** “Lazarus, come out!”  
**Narrator:** The dead man came out, his feet bound, and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them,  
**Jesus:** “Untie him and let him go.”  
**Narrator:** Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

*Clergy*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

**Sung Creed**

We be-lieve in God the Fa-ther. We be-lieve in the Son.  
 We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, three per-sons in one. And  
 We be-lieve in the cru-ci-fi-xion, where He con- quered death. And  
 We be-lieve in the re-sur-re- tion. He's com- ing back a- gain.  
 Cru- ci- fied, suf- fered, and bur- ied, He rose a- gain.  
 At the right hand of the Fa-ther, whose king- dom shall have no end. And the  
 Ho- ly Spi- rit, Lord and Giv- er of life, with Fa- ther and Son are praised and  
 glo- ri- fied. As one Church, we be- lieve.

**Prayers of the People**

*Leader:*

Let us return with all our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*Silence*

Lord Christ, we pray for your church around the globe, for our neighbors in other faith communities, and for all who long to hear your voice. In our Parishes, we pray for the Church of the Epiphany, Trumansburg, The Rev. Taylor Daynes, Priest-in-Charge; and Grace Church, Utica, The Rev. Christine Williams-Belt, Rector. In our Diocese, we pray for the Staff of St. Margaret's House, New Hartford. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for San Rafael Arcangel, Santa Ana, The Rev. German Lopez. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of West Malaysia. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

We pray that in the wilderness of the world the church may be the rock of God, providing the waters of life to all who thirst. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That all people will tend to the healing of your creation, so the whole earth provides abundantly for generations yet to come. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who control worldly power and shape human wisdom may attend to the law of God and respond to the needs of the lowly. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That nations share resources of food and medicine and knowledge, and so transform the earth from a battlefield into a garden of peace. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who face insult or degradation because of race, religious belief, sexual orientation, or political conviction, may be supported by disciples of the Lord. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who are struggling with mental or physical illness or addiction, or are homebound, or facing surgery, may find you to be a source of healing and strength. Especially we name, either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_ . In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That the departed who have gone to their rest, may hear the voice of Jesus calling them forth to life and resurrection, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

*Clergy*

Almighty and eternal God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Music for Reflection**

*We Believe*

**Anniversary & Birthday Blessings**

**May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.** *Adapted from St. Patrick, c.389*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Song**

*Holy Is the Lord*

**Dismissal**

*Clergy*  
*All*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**