

Out of the depths have I called to you, O  
Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Psalm 130:1a

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Morning Prayer  
March 29, 2020, 10:30 am

We worship today according to the appointed order for Morning Prayer, Rite One, beginning on page 37  
of the Book of Common Prayer. Congregational responses are in **boldface type**.

*We will observe silence together to prepare for worship.*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, "Father,  
I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no  
more worthy to be called thy son."

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done, Almighty and most merciful Father,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober  
life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

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

The Invitatory and Psalter (*we stand*)

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
**And our mouth shall show forth thy 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.**

Invitatory Psalm - *Venite*

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

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.

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

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

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

O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

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

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

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

## Psalm 130

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;  
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,  
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.**

## The Lessons

### 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 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, prophecy, 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 prophecy, 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.**

### Canticle 4 – The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
**And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,**

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,  
which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies,  
**and from the hand of all that hate us;**

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,  
and to remember his holy covenant;

**To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather  
Abraham,  
that he would give us,**

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies  
might serve him without fear,

**In holiness and righteousness before him,  
all the days of our life.**

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest,  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord  
to prepare his ways;

**To give knowledge of salvation unto his people  
for the remission of their sins,**

Through the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;

**To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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.**

## The Epistle Lesson – 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 word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Canticle 5 The Song of Simeon

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

**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.**

## The Gospel Lesson – 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.

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

## The Apostles' Creed (*we stand*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the  
dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

### The Prayers

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Let us pray.

**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

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;  
**Govern them and lift them up for ever.**  
Day by day we magnify thee;  
**And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;  
**O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**  
O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;  
**As our trust is in thee.**  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
**Let me never be confounded.**

## 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 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 Collect for Our Current Struggle

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, we know that you are present in the midst of this global pandemic. For its victims, around the world, please bring healing and wholeness. For the medical staff providing diagnosis and treatment, please bring strength, wisdom, and compassion. For leaders across the world, of our country, our state, and our communities, please bring wisdom, tenderness, and caring. For us, your children, we ask your protection and for clarity for our ministry during this difficult time. Be with us, dear Lord; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Our Parish

Lord of life, we ask your special blessing on Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, this tiny piece of your kingdom on earth, as we struggle to continue in the face of the disease racing across the world. Help us to cling fiercely to you and to each other, to remember the love that unites us, and to follow the example of Christ in caring for others. Strengthen us. Make us patient. Help us do what we must to stay healthy. Through your Son the Great Physician and our Savior. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.**

Instrumental Anthem: *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

**For reflection:**

What wondrous love is this, oh my soul, oh my soul?  
What wondrous love is this, oh my soul?  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
To lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
To lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

**Intercessions and Thanksgiving**

We pray for the souls of all those who have died from Covid-19, and all who have departed this life, including those we now name silently, aloud, or by chat.

**Silence**

In our parish we pray for those who are sick or recovering from illness, including **Micah Hart, Dennis Harper, Larry and Pat Sharpton, Troy Warlick, Dezzel Oliver, Tom Haynie, Beth Hall, Maurice McCord, Sharon Browning, Julie**

**Williams, George Rowell, Mike Dickey, Treva Robinson,** and the others we now name.

**Silence**

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Companion Diocese of the Virgin Islands and its bishop, Ambrose. We pray for the Diocese of Jerusalem, for the Department of Parish Development & Evangelism, for Family Promise (Interfaith Hospitality Network), for Habitat for Humanity, and all programs for the promotion of safe and affordable housing.

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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Beginning this Wednesday, April 1, we will offer Epiphany Online as a place to gather. Andy will open the doors 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Right now the only event scheduled there this Wednesday is a conversation 5-5:30 pm about possible uses of this time. Here are some (but certainly not all) possible ideas:

- Someone might want to lead a Bible Study group or religious study.
- We might invite someone (who need not be living close by) to teach a lesson or series.
- A group might meet for Compline.
- We might just want to visit.

We would like to see church members step up to take leadership here.

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Next Sunday, April 5 is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We would normally gather around the well outside and process into the nave waving palm branches, but these are just not normal times, are they? HOWEVER, we want to glory in the beauty that is the Liturgy of the Palms, so please be gathering this week something green, pretty, or both that you can wave during our “processional.”

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<b>Serving at Epiphany this week:</b>	<b>And next:</b>
Lay Reader: Pam Van Etten	Lay Reader: Lee Borden
Voice of Congregation: To be determined	Voice of Congregation: To be determined
Officiant: Andy Stricker	Officiant: To be determined