



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
CONNECTICUT'S CATHEDRAL

Morning Prayer- Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Prelude-** Pastorale on Rockingham When I survey the wondrous cross *Norman Gilbert*

**Hymn– 1982 HYMNAL # :** If thou but trust in God to guide you

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,  
he'll give thee strength what-e'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on a rock that nought can move.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; so do thine own part faithfully,  
and trust his word, though undeserving; thou yet shalt find it true for thee;  
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusted him indeed.

*Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is  
gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents  
of evil. Joel 2:13*

**The Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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 Priest alone 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 Invitatory and Psalter**

Officiant 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.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God,\*as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**PSALM 130 – *De profundis***

**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.**

### **Dwelling in the Word**

#### **The 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Group Reflections**

- What word or phrase is God speaking to your heart?
- Is God nudging you to share a message with someone who is different than you?
- What might that message be?

*A period of silence may follow.*

**Canticle -** The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus Luke 1:68-79*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his  
way, to give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and 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 Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will  
be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our**

**sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Suffage B**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **A Collect for Sundays**

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. **Amen.**

### **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 Guidance**

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. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for Grace**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Prayers for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **HYMN – LEVAS # 35**

O how He loves you and me.  
O how He loves you and me;  
He gave his life, what more could He give;  
O how He loves you, O how he loves me,  
O how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go,  
His love for the worlds to show;  
What He did there brought hope from despair;  
O how He loves you, O how he loves me,  
O how He loves you and me.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

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.**

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN – 1982 HYMNAL #** Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save;  
it triumphed o'er disease and death, o'er darkness and the grave.  
To thee they went, the blind, the deaf, the palsied, and the lame,  
the leper set apart and shunned, the sick with fevered frame.

And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hearing, strength, and sight;  
and youth renewed and frenzy calmed owned thee, the Lord of light;  
and now, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty as of yore,  
in crowded street, by restless couch, as by Gennesaret's shore.

Be thou our great deliverer still, thou Lord of life and death;  
restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with thine almighty breath:  
to hands that work and eyes that see, give wisdom's heavenly lore,  
that whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee evermore.

*The Officiant may then conclude with the following*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power  
of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

**Postlude** - Toccata on Rathbun (In the cross of Christ I glory) *David Cherwien*



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