

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 29, 2020

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

○ Israel, wait for the Lord,

for with the Lord there is mercy



KEEP
CALM
AND
WASH
YOUR
HANDS



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Dear beloved Trinity friends:

As we enter the third week of our world of closed buildings and online worship, I want you to know how much you are all in our thoughts and prayers. The Trinity leadership team, lay and ordained, each day talk to one another to seek how we can serve you in the name of Christ. Casey Rousseau and Jake Troiano have worked tirelessly to bring our online Sunday morning worship to you. The views on YouTube so far have exceeded our average Sunday attendance of late, which encourages us to keep bringing these virtual offerings to you. We are now preparing to bring services to you for Holy Week. Thanks to Jackson Merrill and Martha Freimuth for their faithful participation in this video worship. We have used Zoom meetings to plan greater pastoral connections during this time of social distancing. We will also address issues of outreach, communication and Christian formation using this powerful online face-to-face forum. Do not hesitate to call me on my cell phone, 860-986-3289, or email me at nmacleod@trinityhartford.org.

The Assistant to the Rector, Barbara Roos, handles requests for access to the buildings. While they are closed for normal gatherings and our goal is to have as few people on campus as possible, from time to time, individuals have valid reasons for coming in. She will coordinate that activity. Please contact her either through her email at office@trinityhartford.org or by calling the office at 860-527-8133 and dial ext. 204. Barbara is monitoring her phone and emails.

As we continue to walk through this extraordinary time, we are learning how to be together in the Spirit, even when we are physically apart. God walks with us.

In the name of Christ,
Norman



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
(FROM THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO)

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures forever.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

ABSOLUTION

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.**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ,

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Please be seated.

READING 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, 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.

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, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
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.

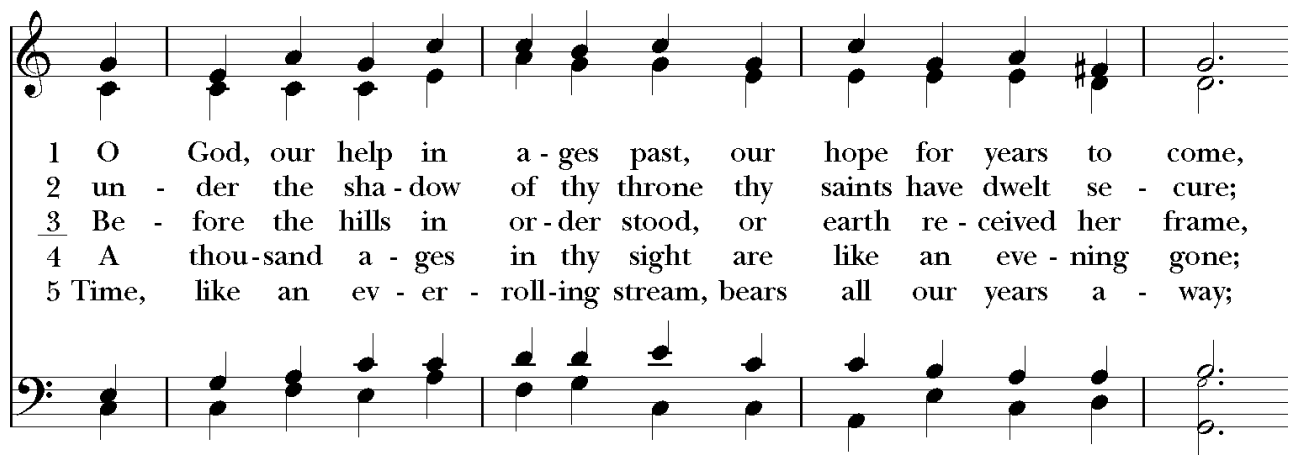
EPISTLE: ROMANS 8:6-11

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.

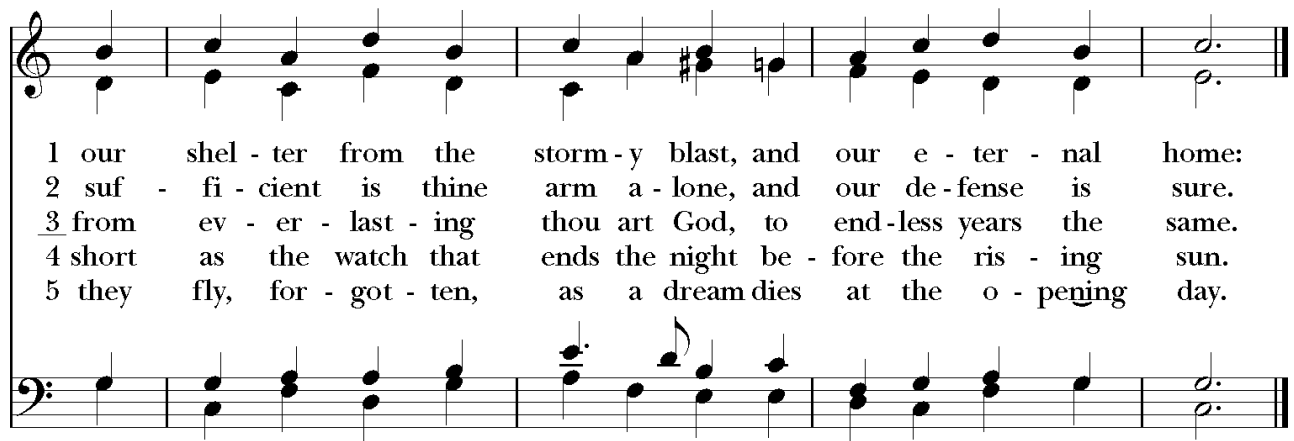
But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised 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.

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

HYMN 680 O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

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

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.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Norman M. MacLeod

Silence for reflection.

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM I

The people say the words in bold.

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying
“Creator, hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all peoples, especially in the time of this pandemic,
let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For this transition time at Trinity Church as we engage in the process of discernment
leading to the call of a new rector, let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For all those suffering from the coronavirus, whether through infection, concerns about
their livelihood or fear, let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For all those who are caring for those who are ill or afraid, let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For all those seeking a cure for this pandemic, and all disease, let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For this city Hartford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,
let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the
wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and
for all the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For those on our parish prayer list , let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and
captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Creator, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for those who have died because of the pandemic, and for all the departed,
let us pray to the Lord.

Creator, hear our prayer.

For deliverance from all danger, disease, violence, oppression, and degradation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Creator, hear our prayer.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without
suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Creator, hear our prayer.

In the communion of St. John, St. Paul, St. Mary and of all the saints, let
us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in
the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us
and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Jesus invites us in this time of social distancing to seek ways of joining together in the Spirit.

All Let us walk Christ's way with joy.

Celebrant Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices of those who have nothing to lose.

All Let us walk Christ's way with joy.

Celebrant Jesus points us to a way of self-giving, where humility and compassion are exalted and the idols of power and status are cast down.

All Let us walk Christ's way with joy.

Celebrant Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross, where despair is transformed by the promise of new life.

All Let us walk Christ's way with joy.

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you this day during this holy season of Lent and forever.

All Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP AS A GATHERED COMMUNITY IS OVER.
OUR WORSHIP, THROUGH SERVICE TO THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE, BEGINS ANEW.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. Norman M. MacLeod – **Celebrant and Preacher**

Lector & Intercessor Martha Freimuth

Church Musician Jackson Merrill

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Phil & Katie Reynolds; Alan and Peter Rice and Elena Zhidkova-Rice; and Ellen Richardson.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All Saints', Ivoryton; The Program & Budget Committee, the Faith & Order Commission; the Convention planning committee; and the Convention worship committee.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, the fifth Sunday in Lent is the focus of the Primates' Task Group's call for a period of prayer and repentance in the Anglican Communion. We pray for The Bishop of West Malaysia, Moon Hing.

We pray for Peg Andrian; Mavis Bennett; Ginny Catanzaro; Gloria Cheyney and family; Tori Henry; Louise Krippenstapel; Carlene Lewis; Judy Miller; Margaret Moore; Valentina Moore; Al Pereira; Jim Register; Carolyn Rogers; Jo-Ann Sadosky; Al Shuckra; Diane, Helen Strassner; Lindsey Tengtenga; Alice Turcotte; Carl Williams, Chris Weber; Richard Green (brother of Peter Green), Donald Bowens (Dianne Bowens-Waller), Joseph Negrelli Jr. and his family, Alan and Elena Rice, Brenda and Ronald Stahley (parents of Pamela Haddad), Bill McMunn and Richard Alan Garver, Diane Bowens-Waller, Bruce and Jane Tatge (parents of Anne Green), Polly Thomas, Rebecca Bourret, Peter Vreeland, John E. Robinson, Mark, Maritza and Anne Marie Pacileo, Percy Williamson, Amy Williams, Nancy Crandall and those affected by mental and physical ailments, violence, natural disasters, and immigration and refugee policies, and their families; and for those who mourn for loved ones.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for the repose of the souls of homicide victims in our city of Hartford, and beyond. We pray for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We pray for ourselves and for our departed loved ones, that rejoicing with them in God's kingdom where every tear is wiped away, we may as one family sing praise forever and ever.



The Aumbry Candle is lit this week in loving memory of Steve Smith.

The Rev. Norman M. MacLeod, *Interim Priest-in-Charge*
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