

## MORNING PRAYER 1 – 29 MARCH 2020

### *THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)*

**Opening Hymn: CH104** “*O for a thousand tongues to sing*”(vs. 1, 2, 4 and 6)

*Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-dEfVz6Vms>

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace!

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice;  
the humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of your name.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

#### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

*Psalm 51: 9*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

*Kneel*

#### A GENERAL CONFESSION

**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; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that 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 LORD'S PRAYER

**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, The power, And the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

O Lord, open thou our lips  
and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

***Stand***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

**FIRST CANTICLE**

**VENITE Psalm 95**

*The Canticle may be said, or an audio version listened to and sung along with at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hok3yG9pvNo>

1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord:  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God  
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it,  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God;  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

8 To-day if ye will hear his voice:  
harden not your hearts, as in the provocation  
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

9 When your fathers tempted me,  
provèd me, and saw my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said,  
It is a people that do err in their hearts,  
for they have not known my ways;

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath,  
that they should not enter into my rest.

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## A LESSON

*from the Old Testament*

### *Ezekiel 37: 1-14*

*The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:*

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/ezekiel/37/>

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ I said, ‘Sovereign Lord, you alone know.’

Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones and say to them, “Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”’

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.”’ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army.

Then he said to me: ‘Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.” Therefore prophesy and say to them: “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.”’

*After the reading silence may be kept.*

## THE PSALM

### *Psalm 130*

*Listen to and sing along with this psalm at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cug9GYTTO4c>

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord; / Lord, hear my calling.  
O let thine ears consider well / the voice of my complaint.  
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, / O Lord, who may abide it?  
But there is forgiveness with thee; / therefore shalt thou be feared.  
I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: / in his word is my trust  
My soul looketh for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, / yea, more than watchmen for the morning.  
O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, / and with him is plenteous redemption.  
And he shall redeem Israel / from all his sins.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be; world without end. **Amen.**

## A LESSON

*from the New Testament*

### *Romans 8: 6-11*

*The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:*

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/romans/8/>

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

*After the reading silence may be kept.*

## **TE DEUM**

*The Canticle may be said, or an audio version listened to and sung along with at:*

Listen to and sing along with this canticle at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8UIINR-E9g>

1 We praise thee O God,  
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
2 All the earth doth worship thee,  
the Father everlasting.  
3 To thee all angels cry aloud  
the heavens, and all the powers therein,  
to thee Cherubim, and Seraphim continually do cry,  
4 Holy, Holy, Holy. Lord God of Sabaoth:  
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.  
5 The glorious company of the apostles praise thee;  
the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.  
6 The noble army of martyrs praise thee.  
7 The holy Church  
throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;  
8 The Father of an infinite majesty,  
thine honourable, true and only Son  
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.  
9 Thou art the King of glory O Christ.  
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
10 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,  
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
11 When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
12 Thou sittest at the right hand of God:  
in the glory of the Father.  
13 We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.  
14 We therefore pray thee help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
15 Make them to be numbered with thy saints  
in glory everlasting.  
16 O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage:  
govern them and lift them up for ever.  
17 Day by day we magnify thee  
and we worship thy Name ever, world without end.  
18 Vouchsafe, O Lord,  
to keep us this day without sin.  
19 O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us.

20 O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us,  
as our trust is in thee.

21 O Lord, in thee have I trusted:  
let me never be confounded.

**A LESSON**  
*from the Gospels*

**John 11: 1-45**

*The reading below may be read, or an audio version listened to at:*

<https://www.biblica.com/bible/niv/john/11/>

Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, ‘Lord, the one you love is ill.’

When he heard this, Jesus said, ‘This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.’ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, ‘Let us go back to Judea.’

‘But Rabbi,’ they said, ‘a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?’

Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.’

After he had said this, he went on to tell them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.’

His disciples replied, ‘Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.’ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

So then he told them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’

Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

‘Lord,’ Martha said to Jesus, ‘if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.’

Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’

Martha answered, ‘I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’

Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’

‘Yes, Lord,’ she replied, ‘I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.’

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. ‘The Teacher is here,’ she said, ‘and is asking for you.’ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 'Where have you laid him?' he asked.

'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then 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?'

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 'Take away the stone,' he said.

'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.'

Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face.

Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*After the reading silence may be kept.*

## **JUBILATE**

*The Canticle may be said, or an audio version listened to and sung along with at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sb-CQjkHnZc>

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise;;  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**  
*is said*

**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 Spirit,**

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 Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### *Kneel*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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. Amen.**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us  
**and grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers  
**and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness  
**and make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people  
**and bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us  
**and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## THE COLLECTS

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

We beseech thee, Almighty God,  
mercifully to look upon thy people;  
that by thy great goodness  
they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE SEASON OF LENT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hatest nothing that thou hast made  
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE SECOND 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 defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE THIRD COLLECT *For Grace***

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER IN THE TIME OF ANY COMMON PLAGUE OR SICKNESS**

O Almighty God the Lord of life and death, of health and sickness; Have pity upon us miserable sinners, now visited with great sickness. Withdraw from us this grievous affliction. Enlarge our charity to relieve those who need our help. Bless the remedies applied to assist them. Give us prudence to see, and vigour to use, those means which thy providence affords, for preventing and alleviating such calamities. And, above all, teach us to know how frail and uncertain our condition is, and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord. **Amen.**

*Book of Common Prayer 1926*

## **ARCHBISHOP'S PRAYER IN THE TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS**

Almighty and All-loving God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
we pray to you through Christ the Healer  
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19  
in Ireland and across the world.  
We pray for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss  
of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.  
Give wisdom to policymakers,  
skill to researchers,  
comfort to everyone in distress  
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord  
who showed compassion to the outcast,  
acceptance to the rejected  
and love to those to whom no love is shown. **Amen.**

*Prayers and thanksgivings may be said.*

## **THE SERMON**

*Revd Trevor Stevenson has prepared a sermon podcast which you may listen to at:*

<https://www.dublinandglendaloughsermons.com/sermons/5th-sunday-of-lent-best-friends-are-forever-trevor-stevenson>

*Closing Hymn: T&P 100 "My hope is built on nothing less"*

*Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RFktMLdeFac>

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand -  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

*Edward Mote (1797-1874)*

## **PRAYERS**

### ***A prayer for the President and all in authority***

Almighty God, who rulest over the kingdoms of the world; We commend to thy merciful care the people of this land, that being guarded by thy providence, they may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of this State and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, that they may serve thy people faithfully to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***A prayer for the Houses of the Oireachtas***

Almighty God, source of all authority and wisdom: guide by your Spirit those who represent us in Dáil and Seanad. As representatives of the people keep them humble, as legislators make them compassionate, and as politicians defend their integrity. So may the proceedings of the Oireachtas serve the truth and promote the common good. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the servant Lord. **Amen.**

### ***A Prayer for the Clergy and People***

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all People committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [*\* especially those for whom our prayers are desired*]; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. **Amen.**

### ***A General Thanksgiving***

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants Do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life: But above all, for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service,**

**And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom with thee and the Holy Spirit Be all honour and glory, World without end. Amen.**

*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13: 13*