

MORNING PRAYER 2 – 29 MARCH 2020
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)

The Gathering of God's People

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Romans 5: 8

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)

We come to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Kneel. Silence is kept.

**Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

AT MORNING PRAYER

Stand

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord s name be praised.

FIRST CANTICLE

JUBILATE *Traditional*

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.

FIRST READING

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, ‘Prophecy 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.

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.**

SECOND READING

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.

SECOND CANTICLE

TE DEUM *Traditional*

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8UllNR-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.

Hymn: CH293 “*Breathe on me, Breath of God*”

Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=871nwbJ3uV0>

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will my will
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
for all eternity.

Edwin Hatch (1835-89)

based on Job 33: 4

THIRD READING

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.

BENEDICTUS *The Song of Zechariah Luke 1: 68-79*

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7rYw41Tkk_c

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
he has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us,
- 4 to show mercy to our fathers,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hand of our enemies.
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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>

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Hymn of Faith: CH 513 “O Christ, the Healer, we have come”(vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)
Listen to and sing along with this hymn at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1O5vdLNE-Gw>

O Christ, the Healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health,
we recognise the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills:
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Kneel

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers
and grant our government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross,
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE SEASON OF LENT

Merciful Lord,
Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

AT MORNING PRAYER

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
and in all things guide us to know and do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father,
in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us
that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,
we may never forget your presence
but may remember that we are always walking in your 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.**

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.

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)

Going Out as God's People

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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: 14