



Welcome to St. George's Morning Prayer Service!

Please introduce yourself as you arrive and feel free to chat with others. Once the service starts we will mute your microphone so everyone can hear the service.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone else by name, please send us a prayer request via the chat box.

There will be welcome and a brief introduction at 10:25am. Then there will be a prelude to begin our service at 10:30.



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: AN ONLINE SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

Sunday March 29, 2020
10:30am

Prelude:

Performed by Helmut Walcha

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
(BWV 639 - I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)





Opening Responsories

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Officiant: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. *John 11: 25-26*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips,

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

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

All: **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.**

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

People: **O come, let us worship.**

The Venite St. George's Church



The Readings

Psalm 130

Said by all

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Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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.

Old Testament Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

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.

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

A Reading from the Gospel of John (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 for 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 for 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 upwards 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**





A short time of silence is observed to ponder the readings and psalms.

Homily

Jesus' proclamation of life in death.

The Rev. Karen Egan



Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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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.



HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised
CP 438



The Prayers of the People

Leader: As the people of the living God, let us join together in our prayers for the Church.

Prayers for the church are offered

Leader: Holy God, breathe your life into the Church; breathe holiness and deepening faith, breathe energy, inspired teaching and fervent praise; unblock the channels and make us more receptive to your gentleness and your power.

Breathe into us Lord:

***All:* So that we may live in you.**

Leader: Holy God, we give thanks for the leaders of our nation,
for our Prime Minister Justin,
for the Premiers of every province and territory,
and all elected officials guiding our cities at this time,
that they may be inspired by your everlasting concern
for the weak and vulnerable, and
make wise and prudent decisions for the well being of us all.
Breathe into us Lord:

***All:* So that we may live in you.**

Leader: Holy God, we pray at this worrisome time
for all the nations of the world. (Naming especially.....)
Give wisdom, health and foresight to their leaders,
strength and courage to those who are occupied in bringing
care to the suffering and understanding
and hope to all who are anxious and grieving.
Hold us all in the wide arms of your mercy.
Breathe into us Lord:

***All:* So that we may live in you.**

Leader: Holy God, your blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people.

We pray that you would continue his gracious work among us: cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down your blessing upon all who work to prevent suffering and to forward your purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All:* Amen.**

Leader: I invite your own prayers for the sick and the suffering, spoken aloud or offered in the sanctity of silence.

Please offer your prayers, as the Spirit moves you
Holy God, breathe your life into those who suffer; breathe comfort and wholeness, forgiveness and new confidence, and the knowledge of your love.

Breathe into us Lord:

***All:* So that we may live in you.**

Collect: Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless, we pray, our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all the Royal Family.

Endue them with your Holy Spirit;
enrich them with your heavenly grace,
prosper them with all happiness;
and bring them to your everlasting kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect: Remember, Lord, your people bowed before you,
and those who are absent
through age, sickness, or any other cause.
Care for the infants, guide the young, support the aged,
inspire the faint-hearted,
and bring the wandering to your fold.
Journey with the travellers, encourage the oppressed,
defend the widows, deliver the captives, heal the sick.
Strengthen all who are in tribulation, necessity, or distress.
Remember for good those who love us,
and those who hate us, and those who have asked us,
unworthy as we are, to pray for them.
Remember especially, Lord, those whom we have forgotten.
For you are the helper of the helpless, the saviour of the lost,
the refuge of the wanderer, the healer of the sick.
You know the need of all and have heard each prayer:
save us in your merciful loving- kindness and eternal love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: Eternal God, we pray for those whose life on this earth has ended, and for the many families and communities who grieve their loss.

The names of those who have died are offered

Leader: May they rest in peace and rise in Christ's glory, and may their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Collect for the fifth Sunday in Lent:

Almighty God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death.
Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen



The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray:

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.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom,
the Power, and the Glory,
now and forever,
Amen.



Blessing

The Officiant Offers a Blessing

People: Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Announcements

- For information email or call the church office
(office@st-georges.org) or 514-866-7113
- Mid-week Online Worship Wednesday @12:15pm
Bible study on same link immediately follows.
- Virtual coffee hours:
Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5pm
Wednesday and Friday 7-8pm (all are welcome)
- Holy week services details will be coming soon

Look for info by email from church and on social media



Postlude

Wo soll ich fliehen hin - J.S. Bach
(BWV 646 - O whither shall I flee?)

Performed by *Helmut Walcha*

Please consider sending your offering as you are financially able

- ❖ Interac transfer to: accounting@st-georges.org
- ❖ Mail in Cheque to St. George's Church, 1101 Stanley St., Montreal, QC, H3B 2B6
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