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Christ Church Ashton, St John's Innisville,
St James Franktown, and St James Carleton Place,
with St Bede's Nolan's Corners

Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 29, 2020

Service of the Word

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We gather this day on the traditional territory of the Algonquin people. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Prelude

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,

People **His mercy endures forever.**

Officiant Dear Friends in Christ, as we continue in the
apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking
of bread, and in the prayers, let us make ready

our hearts to renew the covenant of our baptism.
Let us now come before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence

Let us ask God to bring to light the things
now hidden in darkness, and to disclose to us
the secret purposes of our hearts, to know
how faithfully we have striven to safeguard
the integrity of God's creation, respecting,
sustaining and renewing the life of the earth.

Officiant
All

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 neighbours 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.**

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Almighty God, have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Officiant
People

The Lord is our light and our life.
O come, let us worship.

Seek the Lord (Isaiah 55.6-11)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *

**call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and
he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,
Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

A reading from the first 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, "Prophesy 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, "Prophesy 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 _____

Said

Responsively

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.**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,

O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you;

therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;

in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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 out end. Amen.**

Second Reading: Romans 8: 6 - 11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans -
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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: "Jesus, Remember [Us]"
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All **Jesus, remember us,
when you come into your kingdom;
Jesus, remember us,**

when you come into your kingdom.

Repeat Three Times

Proclamation of the Gospel: John 11:1-45

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Musical Meditation

The Apostles' Creed

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Let us confess our faith as we say,

All

**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.

Prayers of the People

Responding to "God of our Salvation," with "Hear our Prayer"

The Peace

Officiant We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit,
we were all baptized into one body.
Let us the pursue all that makes for peace,
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

General Thanksgiving Prayer

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we, your unworthy servants,
give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and
all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness
of your mercies, that, with truly thankful hearts,
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and
righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Officiant 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 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.
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.**

Officiant May the God of mercy transform you by his grace,
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Closing Hymn: "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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

Jesus! the name that charms our fears
and 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.

Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

*Coffee House continues after the service,
in the Facebook Comments--join us as
we gather together as a community!*

*When we're done, perhaps call a parishioner
or friend to see how they are doing, too.*

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*With God's grace, the mission of our ministries
is to enable people to know Jesus Christ,
to live and share the good news,
to grow in faith, and to serve God's world.*

March 26, 2020

Pastoral Letter #2 from the Bishop Regarding COVID-19

Greetings in the name of Jesus.

I want to formally advise you all that our communal liturgies will continue to be placed on hold until further notice. This will of course include all of the celebrations throughout Holy Week and Easter. Together, we already feel the absence of the sacramental community of God's people which sustains us throughout our days and upholds the ministry of clergy and the baptised.

Each Monday evening the Provincial House of Bishops, which includes our Bishop-Elect, Dean Shane Parker, meet (via Zoom) to share stories and counsel one to the other. On March 23, we all came to the unanimous decision that as an Ecclesiastical Province, we will together observe a Eucharistic Fast and Feast upon the Word. The two paragraphs following have been shared with all clergy throughout the entire Province. I commend them to you with the full expectation that the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ottawa will follow the practices described.

One of the realities for the Church living through this pandemic is our inability to physically gather as community for worship and mutual support. The Eucharistic Feast which we are used to celebrating week after week has been interrupted. On-line celebrations, prayers, bible studies, and devotions offered by parishes have been keeping us connected in a virtual way and we are grateful for these inspired links. This temporary absence from one another tests our very nature as a living body and reminds us of our deep longing to be together. We find ourselves in a time of Eucharistic Fast rather than Feast.

Therefore, the bishops of our province have agreed together that our virtual worship through Holy Week and the season of Easter, or until such time that we can gather in community together, will not include the liturgy of the Eucharist. Sacramental celebrations are the work of the whole People of God and require a gathering of people who can be physically present to one another. That is impossible for most of us at this time. The Great Three Days of Easter, and through the fifty days of the season, we will be fasting from the Eucharist but feasting on the Word. We believe that the Risen One, the Word, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is present and active with us as we hear and receive Him in the word of the scriptures, in that word interpreted and proclaimed in preaching, and in the word inwardly digested, by faith, in each person.

On another matter, please be aware that many of our seniors and shut-ins do not have the benefit of virtual anything. If a message doesn't come through their phone or mailbox, they are in the dark. Could you please, to the best of your ability, ensure that everyone in the parish is kept informed and receives communications from me, the Metropolitan, the Primate and you, the Incumbent or Associate Incumbent of their parish? The matriarchs and patriarchs in each of our parishes all know who needs to be contacted "old school." I expect there is someone in each of our communities who would welcome the job of contacting these individuals.

I continue to keep each of you in my daily prayers and I continue to keep myself open in the event you wish to chat with me. I remain,

Yours in the faith of Christ,

The Rt. Rev. John H. Chapman
9th Bishop of Ottawa

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