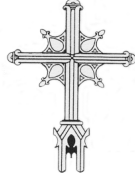


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## *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

*March 29, 2020*

10:30 a.m.

*Service broadcast online via livestream video*

THE VOLUNTARY Pastorale on *Forest Green*

Richard Purvis (1913–1994)

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCES AND CONFESSION OF SIN

*Officiant* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 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.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

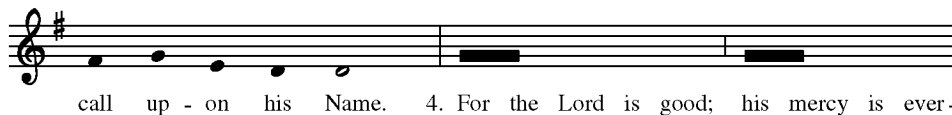
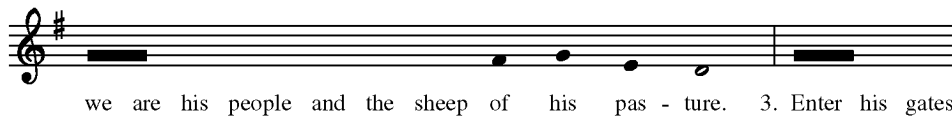
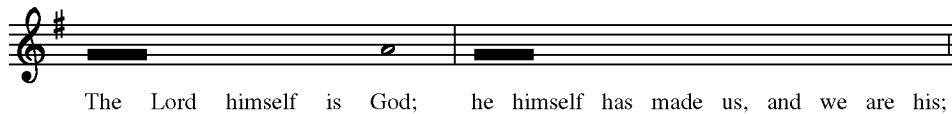
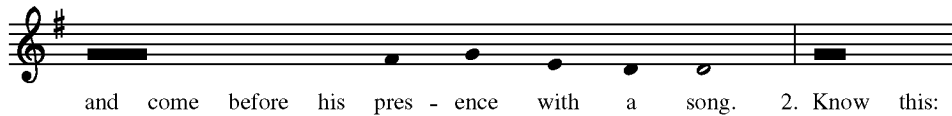
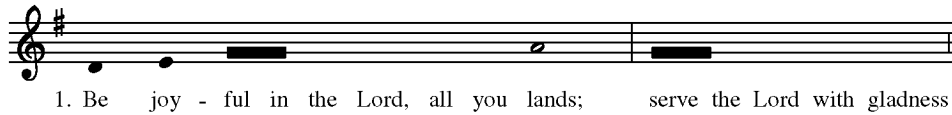
THE INVITATORY

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

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

## THE JUBILATE

Plainsong, Tone 8

*All chant, beginning and ending with the Antiphon.***Antiphon:****Repeat Antiphon**

Setting: Plainsong, Tone 8; adapt. The Standing Commission on Church Music, 1979, alt.  
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## THE PSALTER

Psalm 130

The people say the words in **bold** and sing the Antiphon as indicated.



With the LORD— there is mer - cy and— plen - te - ous re - demp - tion.

- 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.**

**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.**

*Antiphon*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1–14

**T**he 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### CANTICLE 16: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

FOREST GREEN

*All sing.*

C F Gm7 Dm C Gm C7 F

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, who comes to set us free  
 2 With prom-ised mer-cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,  
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord, you will pre-prepare the way,

C F Gm7 Dm Am Gm C7 F

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.  
 the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all,  
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

C7 F C F Gm7 C

So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm  
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

F Gm7 Dm C F B<sup>b</sup> Csus C7 F

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
 in ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.  
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

*Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.*

Words: Carl P. Daw Jr (b. 1944) © 1989 Hope Publishing Company

Music: (FOREST GREEN 8.6.8.6 D): English folk tune; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), 1906, P.D.

*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.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

*John 11:1-45*

**N**ow 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### CANTICLE 9: THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

*Cantors sing the verses. All sing the refrain.*

*Refrain*

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the  
 Lord, who's my sure de - fense and my friend.

Surely, it is God who **saves me**; \*  
 I will trust in him and not be **afraid**  
 For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure **defense**, \*  
 and he will be my **Savior**. *Refrain*

Therefore you shall draw water with **rejoicing** \*  
 from the springs of **salvation**.  
 And on that day you shall **say**, \*  
 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his **Name**; *Refrain*

Make his deeds known among the **peoples**; \*  
 see that they remember that his Name is **exalted**.  
 Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great **things**, \*  
 and this is known in all the **world**. *Refrain*

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your **joy**, \*  
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of **Israel**.  
 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**. *Refrain*

### THE SERMON

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

*All sit.*

### THE APOSTLES CREED

*All stand.*

**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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* 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,  
and the power,  
and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE SUFFRAGES

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People* **And grant us your salvation.**  
*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**  
*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
*Officiant* Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**  
*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECTS AND PRAYER FOR MISSION

*Officiant* 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. **Amen.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. **Amen.**

HYMN 665 All my hope on God is founded

MICHAEL

*All sing.*



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
 \*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -  
 4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to 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 our selves 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 honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

## THE CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

*Officiant* Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* 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.**

THE VOLUNTARY Paulus-Praeludium, 2019

Carson Cooman (b. 1978)

## THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

**Officiant and Preacher:** The Reverend Susan Pinkerton

**Psalterer:** Paul Fletcher

**Cantors:** The Reverend Margie Baker, Paul Fletcher

**Organist:** Scott Lamlein

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**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

The parish of Santa Cruz del Norte, our companion parish in Cuba, and Saint Sauveur School, Les Cayes, Haiti.

Séminaire de Théologie d'Église Épiscopale d'Haïti (STEEH), the Episcopal Seminary in Haiti.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Our postulant, Michael Corey.

All those whose hurts, burdens and fears are unspoken or unknown.

**Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:**

Jim Evans	Susan	Michael	Mary Byrd
Kim Green	Edith Connolly	Beth	Whitney Lynch
Janet Ray	Linda Evans	Chris	Daphne Lynch Fifield
Susan Murray	Sue	Mary Stoughton	Lee
Brad Babbitt	Jen Evans	Ellie Brown	Lonnie
Billy Ulrich	Gwain Gillespie	Shep Baker	Micah, Francis &
Mary Rose	Erika Ulrich		Shadae Gillam

**Those celebrating birthdays this week:**

Patricia Hensley	John Beir	Caroline Wilcox
Toby Aguiar	John O'Brien	Buffy Ineson
Katherine Rives	Dylan Farrell	Elizabeth Simson
Linda Fiske	Kate Eikel	
Tita Hyland	Susie Hatch	

**Those who have died:**

Dorothy "Lynn timer" Solner, mother of Ginny Kemp

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All Saints', Ivoryton; and the Program & Budget Committee, the Faith & Order Commission, the Convention planning committee, and Convention worship committee.