



26 Washington Street

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

29 March 2020

7:30 am - Morning Prayer

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist

10:00 am - Sung Eucharist

Please switch off all cellular telephones and other electronic devices before the Liturgy begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.

ORGAN - Song 13

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

AT THE PROCESSION: HYMN 158 - *Herzliebster*

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins,
People ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

COLLECT FOR PURITY

KYRIE ELEISON

George Fenton (b. 1949)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou doest promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *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, "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. (37:1-14)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *De profundis*

- 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.

Text: *Psalm 130*

Music: C. Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

THE SECOND LESSON - *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. (8:6-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 457 - *St. James*

The people stand and turn to face the Book of Gospels

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

***People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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. (11:1-45)

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

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Prayer Book, page 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us offer our fervent prayers to the living God, who makes us fully alive in Christ Jesus.

Assisting Priest That the ministers of the church, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Francis, the Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel and David, our Assisting Bishops; and Marshall and Paul, our Priests, will know the Spirit's power in their self-sacrifice, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That the citizens of this and every land will know the Spirit's peace in their pursuit of justice, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That we will know the Spirit's goodness in our prayer, fasting, and works of charity, especially during this time of the Corona Virus: let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

That those who have died, will know the Spirit's joy in eternal life,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant God of the living, your Son raised Lazarus from death as a sign that he came to give us life in fullest measure. By your Holy Spirit, fill us with life. Renew our faith, hope, and love, so that we may live with you always, and come to share the glory of the resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant and People

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the door of mercy through which we pass day by day. Bless this parish and its leaders as we expand to become a compassionate community among our neighbors. May the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and the work of our hands enable Mercy House to be a home where those in need may live together in the bond of peace and love; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Assisting Priest Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Assisting Priest and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an Absolution.

THE PEACE

*The Bishop of Albany has directed that we pass the Peace
with a simple bow of the head or wave of a hand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

ANTHEM - *Christus Factus Est*

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum, et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath exalted Him, and hath given Him a name which is above every name.

Words: *Philippians 2:8-9*
Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

HYMN 479 - *Wem in Leidenstagen*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer I*

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PROPER PREFACE OF LENT

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by the Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT - *Hymnal S117*

Prayer Book, page 334



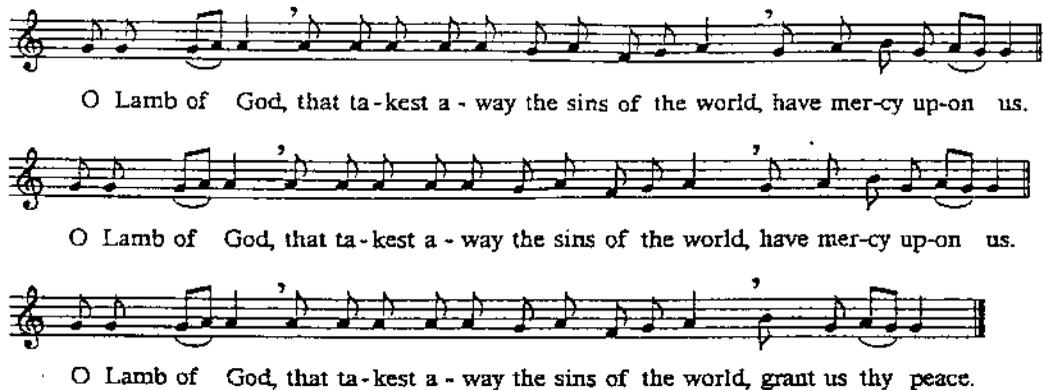
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
Hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

Words: Traditional
Music: *Missa Simplex*

OUR FATHER

Prayer Book, page 334

AT THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: AGNUS DEI, *sung by all*



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Words: Traditional
Music: *Missa Simple*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, *said by all*

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized are invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

MOTET - *Ave Verum Corpus*

Ave verum corpus Christi,
natum de Maria Virgine;
Vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
fudit aquam cum sanguine;
Esto nobis praegustatum
mortis in examine.

*Hail, true Body,
Born of the Virgin Mary;
Thou who truly suffered,
Sacrificed on the cross for mankind;
From whose pierced side
Flowed water with blood.
Be to us a foretaste
In the trial of death.*

Words: Pope Innocent VI
Music: William Byrd (1538-1623)

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, page 339

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Assisting Priest Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

HYMN 525 - *Aurelia*

ORGAN - *Within My Heart's Recesses*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

NOTICES

Even though public worship on Washington Street is suspended, each of us needs to remember that life at Bethesda must continue. Our FINANCIAL SUPPORT must not cease. Please be as faithful as possible to maintain your pledge and weekly offerings. These can be mailed to our office address at 96 Ballston Avenue. Some may want to consider the use of PayPal. Simply go to paypal.com, choosing bethesdaepiscopalchurch@gmail.com as the payee.

We continue in our efforts to update our records. We are also working on a PARISH TELEPHONE DIRECTORY. We ask that you please complete the information on page 10 of this bulletin and leave it in the box on the table at the back of the church, or return it to the office before March 31. If you do not wish to have your information published in the phone directory, please check NONE at the bottom of the page.

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Office Hours: While the PARISH OFFICE is closed, our Parish Administrative Assistant is working from home from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. *Monday & Thursday*, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. *Tuesday & Wednesday* and 9 a.m. until 12:30pm on *Friday*. All calls and emails continue to be handled in the most efficient way possible.

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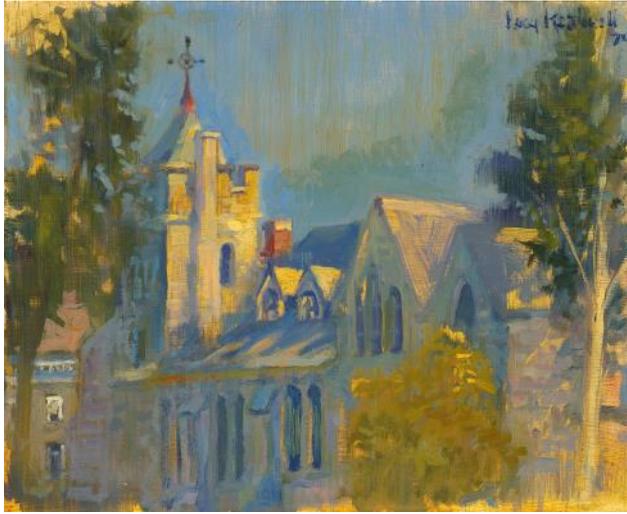
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There are many occasions where the church office is called with the request of someone's phone number or address. Because it has been several years since a Church Directory has been issued, it has been my practice not to give this information without permission. We would like to see a Church Phone Book (no pictures) created and distributed among our church family. With this in mind, please check what information you give permission to be published. If you do not wish to be included in the phone book, simply check "none."

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