



St. James' Episcopal Church Morning Prayer for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Service of Morning Prayer can be found on p. 75 of your Book of Common Prayer.

Instrumental prelude

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

Penitential Litany

Hold us in your Mercy

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Antiphon

Maker's love poured out from heaven, **hold us in your mercy.**

Mercy's word made flesh among us, **hold us in your mercy.**

Born as one of homeless pilgrims, **hold us in your mercy.**

Sent to bring the poor good news, **hold us in your mercy.**

You, who shared the sinner's table, **hold us in your mercy.**

You, who cleansed the leper's flesh, **hold us in your mercy.**

You, who shared our life and labor, **hold us in your mercy.**

You, who chose to walk our roads, **hold us in your mercy.**

You, who silence raging demons, **hold us in your mercy.**
You, who bid the storm be silent, **hold us in your mercy.**
You, whose cross has gone before us, **hold us in your mercy.**
You, who bear our cross with us, **hold us in your mercy.**

Innocent, you faced the guilty, **hold us in your mercy.**
One in death with us forever, **hold us in your mercy.**
Come and break the chains that bind us; **hold us in your mercy.**
Free us from addiction's prison; **hold us in your mercy.**
Break the power of the darkness; **hold us in your mercy.**
Let us rise to life with you; **hold us in your mercy.**

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

In the silence we call to mind the brokenness in ourselves and in our world that yearns to be healed.

Officiant and People together,

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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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 Come let us adore him.

The Psalm

Psalm 130

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 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 Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel 37:1-4

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.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Breathe on me, breath of God

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1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

Romans 8:6-11

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.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Lead Me to Calvary

LEVAS 31

1. King of my life I crown thee now, Thine shall the glo - ry be;
2. Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, Ten - der - ly mourned and wept;
3. Let me, like Ma - ry, through the gloom, Come with a gift to thee;
4. May I be will - ing, Lord, to bear Dai - ly my cross for thee;

1. Lest I for - get thy thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.
2. An - gels in robes of light ar - rayed Guard - ed thee whilst Thou slept.
3. Show to me now the emp - ty tomb, - Lead me to Cal - va - ry.
4. E - ven thy cup of grief to share - Thou hast borne all for me.

Lest I for - get Geth - sem - a - ne, Lest I for - get thine ag - o - ny,

Lest I for - get thy love for me, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.

The Gospel

John 11:1-45

Narrator People	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Narrator	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,
Jesus	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.
Narrator	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,
Jesus	Let us go to Judea again.
Disciples	Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?
Jesus	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.
Narrator	After saying this, he told them,
Jesus	Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.
Disciples	Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.
Narrator	Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly,
Jesus	Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.
Narrator	Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples,
Thomas	Let us also go, that we may die with him.
Narrator	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,

- Martha 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 Your brother will rise again.
- Martha I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.
- Jesus 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?
- Martha Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.
- Narrator When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately,
- Martha The Teacher is here and is calling for you.
- Narrator 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,
- Mary Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
- Narrator 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,
- Jesus Where have you laid him?
- Martha and Mary Lord, come and see.
- Narrator Jesus began to weep.
- Crowd See how he loved him!
- Bystander Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?
- Narrator Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said,
- Jesus Take away the stone.

Narrator Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,

Martha Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.
 Jesus Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?

Narrator So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said,

Jesus 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.

Narrator When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,

Jesus Lazarus, come out!

Narrator 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,

Jesus Unbind him, and let him go.

Narrator Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Narrator The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Eileen O'Brien

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together,

**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 Prayers`

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People
**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.**

Intercessor Lord God, in raising Lazarus from the grave, Jesus calls us from darkness into light,
from death into life. Listen, as we pray:
People Lord, hear our voice.

Intercessor Help us to believe, trusting you now and throughout our lives.
People Lord, hear our voice.

Intercessor Inspire our leaders to use the power we give them to safeguard the well-being and
dignity of all people.
People Lord, hear our voice.

Intercessor Let our service to others be daylight to the world.
People Lord, hear our voice.

Intercessor Increase the faith, hope, and love of those preparing for baptism, confirmation, or
reception during this Lent.
People Lord, hear our voice.

Intercessor Raise up all who feel sorrow, suffering, or pain. For whom shall we pray? *(Pause to
hear the prayers of others and to offer your own.)*
Hear us when we say:
People Lord, hear our voice.

Intercessor Jesus said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life." Whom shall we remember and not
forget? *(Pause to hear the prayers of others and to offer your own.)*
Hear us when we say:

People **Lord, hear our voice.**

Intercessor The Spirit of God dwells in us, giving us life. We give thanks, O God, for the sources of hope in our lives. *(Pause to give thanks with the community.)*
Hear us when we say:

People **Lord, hear our voice.**

Officiant Good and gracious God, redemption and true liberty are with you. Raise us up from the death of sin that we may be unbound and set free. We ask this in the name of Christ, the one coming into the world. **Amen.**

Officiant 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.**

1. In God we trust, with all our
(2. In) God we trust, wher - ev - er

God we trust
1. heart and soul, In God we trust to
2. we may roam, In God we trust to

1. reach our righ - teous goal, En - shrined in
2. bless our land and home, Through all our

1. Thee for - ev - er may we be, Come what
2. days we'll al - ways sing His praise, Come what

1. may, Keep faith and pray, in God we trust, in
2. may, Our hearts will pray, in God we trust, in
God we trust,

1. God we trust, In
2. God we trust.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**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.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.

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

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*