

An Order *for*
Morning Prayer

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

St. John's Church, Lafayette Square
Sunday, March 29, 2020

MORNING PRAYER

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Silence is kept.

All stand with the Officiant.

Officiant

Lord, o - pen our lips.

People

And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

INVITATORY ANTIPHON

The Lord is full of compassion and mer - cy: O come, let us a - dore him.

1. My life flows on in end - less song; A - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
 2. What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 3. I lift mine eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a - bove it;

I hear the sweet, though far off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.
 What though the dark - ness ga - ther round? Songs in the night He giv - eth.
 And day by day this path - way smooths, Since first I learned to love it:

Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing;
 No storm can shake my in - most calm While to that re - fuge cling - ing;
 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fount - ain ev - er spring - ing!

It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
 Since Christ is Lord of Heav'n and earth, How can I keep from sing - ing?
 All things are mine since I am His! How can I keep from sing - ing?

The Lord is full of compassion and mer - cy: O come, let us a - dore him.

Please be seated.

The Psalm

Sung antiphonally beginning with low voices.



- 1 *Out öf the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LÓRD, hear mÿ voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my sup/plicatiön.*
- 2 *If you, LORD, were to nóte what is dóne ämiss, *
O Lord, / who cóuld ständ?*
- 3 *For there is forgíveness wíth you; *
therefore you / shall bé féared.*
- 4 *I wait for the LORD; my sóul waits fôr him; *
in his word / is mÿ höpe.*
- 5 *My soul waits for the LORD,
more than wáatchmen for thé mörning, *
more than watchmen for / the mórning.*
- 6 *O Israel, wáit for thë LORD, *
for with the LORD there / is mércÿ;*
- 7 *With him there is plénteous redëmption, *
and he shall redeem Israel / from áll their sins. [Ant.]*

All **Glory to the Father, and to the /Són,*
And to the /Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is /nów,*
And will be forev/er. Ámen.**

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.

All stand while the choir sings the Canticle.

CANTICLE Nunc Dimittis *from Short Service*

Orlando Gibbons
(1583–1625)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
 according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
 which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE HOMILY

The Apostles' Creed

All remain standing and say together:

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.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant *People* *Officiant*

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

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven...ever. A - men.

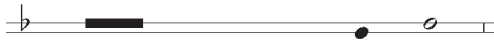
Cantor or Officiant

V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

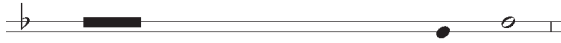
People

R. And grant us your salva - tion.

V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



R. Let your people sing with joy.



V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

The Officiant then says the following collects.

A Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Officiant

Life is short. And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The musical notation is set in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the Officiant and the People, with lyrics: "Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God." The second staff is for the Officiant, with lyrics: "The almighty and mer-ci-ful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spi-rit,". The third staff is for the People, with lyrics: "bless us and keep us. A - men." The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across two notes.

Compline Setting: adapt. David Hurd (b. 1950).
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