



Annunciation
of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday in
Lent

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Welcome to Annunciation on Zoom

What's Happening

This bulletin contains everything you need to participate in the service. This is the service of Morning Prayer.

Online Worship

Before worship starts, please observe some of these guidelines.

Rev. Jenni will open the meeting room on Zoom at 9:30 so you can work out any technical issues before the service begins.

To facilitate everyone being able to hear during the service, everyone will be muted except for the person speaking.

It may feel strange to not hear our collective voices. Listen to the voices of the people you are in the room with or if you are worshipping on your own, listen to your voice –hear your rhythm and cadence. Ask these questions: How does it sound to just hear my family's voices? How does it sound to hear myself in this space?

Please close all other applications on the device you are using. If you are having connection issues, try turning off the video. You will still be able to hear the service.

If your household has multiple devices going, mute the audio on one of them, it can cause feedback on the microphones if there are two or more devices broadcasting in the same room. Also,

using headphones or earbuds can eliminate problems with active audio

Please turn off televisions or radios.

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How do I join a Zoom meeting?

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Restrooms

Feel free to use your own restrooms and wash your hands.

Let's Stay Connected!

During this time, feel invited to send your feedback about the worship to Rev Jenni. Everytime we gather this way, we will get better and better at it.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People: ***Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.***

Collect for Purity

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: ***Amen.***

Presider: Lord have mercy.
People: **Christ have mercy.**
Presider: Lord have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Presider: 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.

People: ***Amen.***

The First Lesson

Reader: A reading from the Book of Ezekiel (37:1-14)
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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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.***

The Psalm

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Reader: Let us say the psalm responsively by half-verse.

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.**

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

If you, Lord, were to note what is done
amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?

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

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

With God there is plenteous redemption,
**and God shall redeem Israel from all their
sins.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for God;
in God's word is my hope.

The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from the letter to the 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (11:1-45)

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Deacon: 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.

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

The Sermon

The Rev Linda Lutter

The Creed

Presider and People say:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again

*in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son.*

*With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.*

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Dear Friends in Christ, the Spirit of God dwells in you. Let us appeal to our God, saying, “We call to you, O Lord; *Lord, hear our voice.*”

Leader: Breathe new life into your Church, O Lord. Where our bones are dried up, where our hope is lost, cause your life-giving breath to enter. Give us confidence in the truth that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us. (*Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence*). We call to you, O Lord;

People: *Lord, hear our voice.*

Leader: Many are they who wait for you, O Lord. Speak into the souls of those suffering throughout the world, a word of hope. We call to you, O Lord;

People: *Lord, hear our voice.*

Leader: Creating God, it is the wind of your Spirit that sweeps across this planet. Renew and refresh your creation; bring forth newness in dead places. We call to you, O Lord;

People: *Lord, hear our voice.*

Leader: With you, O Lord there is plenteous redemption. Restore the hope of this city. Renew our trust that you have a life-giving future in mind for us. We call to you, O Lord;

People: *Lord, hear our voice.*

Leader: For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including *Liam Mellen, Maurice Edwards, Chad VanHorn, Christopher Pavy, Nick Unda, Ian Pocklington, Ethan Pocklington, Christopher Froelich, Karl Mohrmann, and Trish Hull*, we call to you, O Lord;

People: *Lord, hear our voice.*

Leader: For those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Joey De Rosa (3/31). *(you are invited to say aloud or offer silently your own thanksgivings for celebrations in your life)*, we call to you, O Lord.

People: ***Lord, hear our voice.***

Leader: With you, O Lord, there is mercy. Consider well the voice of those who call out from their depths. All they wait for you in their pain and sorrow, give life to their mortal bodies by your healing Spirit. We pray especially for all who yearn for health, for the handicapped, for those in mental anguish or spiritual turmoil, for the incurably ill, and for all who remember and care for them, especially **Tom, Amber, Patsy, Erich, Greg, Joe, Helene, Jannette Kellogg, Randy, Charlotte, Mary Pat, Mary Lawless, Bruce & Terry Stowell, Dan, and the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living, PADS, and Habitat for Humanity.** We call to you, O Lord;

People: ***Lord, hear our voice.***

Leader: God, we trust you Son Jesus to be for us resurrection and life. Give to the dead your life, especially **Sue and *those who have succumbed to the COVID-19 virus*** *(you are invited to say aloud or offer silently your own prayers for those who have died)*. Assure the living with the promise of resurrection. We call to you, O Lord

People: ***Lord, hear our voice.***

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
A moment of silence is observed for personal reflection.

People: ***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.***

Presider: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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.***

Spiritual Communion

On this Sunday morning, we offer this service of Spiritual Communion. The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing. (Borrowed from our friends in Christ at St. Peter's, Chicago and *The St. Augustine's Prayer Book*)

Collect

Presider: Let the power of the Holy Spirit come upon me, O Lord, I ask you: that my heart may be cleansed and defend me from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Presider and People: ***Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are present in the Bread and Wine of the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you in the Sacrament, I ask you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.***

Presider: Come Lord Jesus, dwell in you servants in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of all you ways, and in the holiness of your spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of our Father.

People: **Amen.**

A Prayer for times of great sickness

Presider: O Most mighty and merciful God, in the time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succor. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; from Jesus Christ our Lord. (1928 BCP)

People: **Amen.**

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Presider: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Solemn Lenten Prayer

Deacon: Let us bow down before the Lord.

Deacon: 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 a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord

People: **Amen.**

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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