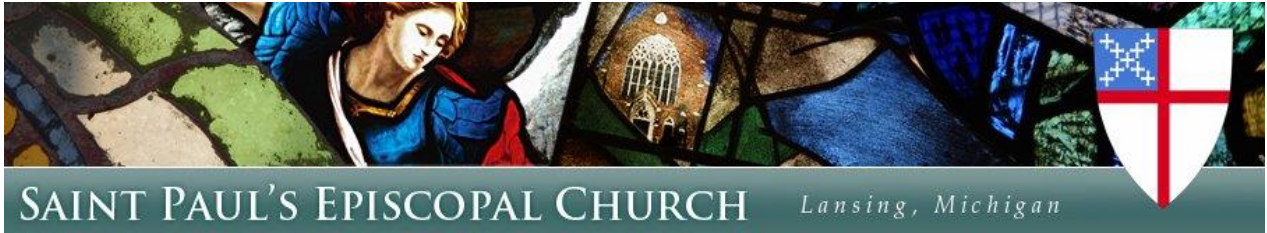




**Morning Prayer Rite II**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 29, 2020**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
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*The Officiant begins the service with the following sentence*

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Officiant and People say 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.**

*The Officiant stands and says*

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.**

*All stand*

*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.**

*Then follows an Invitatory Psalm, the Officiant and People saying together*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;\*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God,\*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,\*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*Then follows the appointed Psalm. The People sit for the psalm.*

**Psalm 130**

- 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.

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said by 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 First Lesson**

**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; 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.**

*All stand. The following Canticle is said or sung by all*

**The Second Song of Isaiah**    *Quaerite Dominum*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found,\*  
    call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways\*  
    and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,\*  
    and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,\*  
    nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,\*  
    so are my ways higher than your ways,  
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens\*  
    and return not again, but water the earth.  
Bringing forth life and giving growth,\*  
    seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;\*  
    it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,\*  
    and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
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**            *The People sit for the reading*

**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.**

*All stand. The following Canticle is said or sung by all*

**A Song of Penitence**    *Kyrie Pantokrator*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven,\*  
    God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
    and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth,\*  
    with all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence;\*  
    they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure;\*  
    it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion,\*  
    long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand;  
    you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners,\*  
    that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart,\*  
    and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned,\*  
    and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you:\*  
    Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin,\*  
    nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent,\*  
    and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy,\*  
    and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises,\*  
    and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

**The Gospel Reading**

*The People sit for the reading*

**John 11:1-45**

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 him, "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.**

## Reflection

*All stand. The following is said by all*

### The Apostles' Creed

**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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People pray together*

**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 Suffrage follows*

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**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 safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

### **The Collect of the Day**

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 Sundays**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

In our baptism we have been called to rise from the dead and to live with Christ in the Spirit of God. Bonded to the whole people of God in baptism, let us pray for the church and for all people in their need, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the unity of the scattered people of God: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all who lead the church, especially Michael our presiding bishop and Bonnie, our bishop; and for all the baptized in their Lenten pilgrimage: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For the leaders of nations, and for peace throughout the world: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all who suffer, especially those on our parish prayer list and those whom we name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_; for those ill with COVID-19 and for all the dying, and those who grieve: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For those whose burden is too deep for words: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

In thanksgiving for the saints and martyrs, and for all who are heirs of Christ's suffering and glory: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

God of the good news that spreads faster than fear,  
God of the courage that comes from the heart:  
Be with us as anxieties rise and with us as uncertainty grows.  
Be with us when children ask difficult questions,  
and with us when parents seem farther away.  
Remind us that to be a community does not always mean  
to be physically present beside those we know well.  
It also can mean being spiritually present  
with those who feel very alone;  
and that you as our God, the God made flesh,  
are also the God who calls us from the tumult  
and tells us to be still  
and to know that you are God  
with us.  
Amen.           *(from the Corrymella Community)*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People say together*

**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.**

*Then the Officiant says*

Let us bless the Lord.

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

*The Officiant concludes with the following*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **Prayer for a Pandemic**

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between

preserving their health or making their rent

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those

who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.

**Amen.**

*Author unknown*

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**We pray for those who have ongoing needs for healing prayers:** Margaret (Peggy) Richardson, Mason Hill, Marsha Macholz, Sebastian Cuesta, Clint Hogue, John & Grace Hawkins, Julie, Van Anderson, Marian Boulus, Nancy Rudd, Meadow Rawlins, Thomasina Canty, Anna Hayward, Harvey Clark & Mary Armstrong, Michelle Levenick, Norma Lindholm, Audrey & David, Pat Bellinger, Joanne Boulton, Megan Timm, Claudia Hamlin, Amy Eldridge, Ronda Peters, Erica, Marta & Venancio, Mike Jacobs, Rick Wendorf, Chris Krupka, Paul Doersam, Jason Thomas, Robert Madrigal, Joy Brewer, William Gabel, Pat Seger-Krawczynski, April Cruz, Karlene Bach, Sally Boron, Pam & John Irwin, Kate Johnson, Delaine Counsellor, Doug, Jeff Waters, David Hemingway, Max Pierce, Michael Crouch, Terry Bryce, Sherry Sutton, Danielle Laurion, Michael O'Toole, Penny, Peggy, Karen Clarke, Eric, Amy Crabtree, Judy Manson, Patricia McMartin, and Doug Boor.

**We pray and remember those in the Military, and those who are serving in dangerous areas:** Brendan Moody, Zachariah Reeves, Zachary Bellinger, Conrad Laurion, Alex Van Koevering, and Tyson Carter.

**We pray this week for the following St. Paul's members & family:**  
Laura Julier, Susan Kendall, Dave & Ruth Kressler, and Jeff & Lyn Kressler.

**We pray this week for the following community service agency:** NAACP Lansing Branch, 530 S. Pine St, Lansing, MI 48933

**We pray for our worshipping communities:** St. Aidyn's, Michigan Center; St. Stephen's, Rochester.

**We pray for:** Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church; Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bonnie A. Perry, our bishop; Karen C. Lewis, our rector; our worship ministers, and staff at St. Paul's.

**We pray for those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Today, the fifth Sunday in Lent, is the focus of the Primates' Task Group's call for a period of prayer and repentance in the Anglican Communion. The Bishop of West Malaysia, Moon Hing, is a member of the Task Group and has written this prayer, which the Task Group offers to the Anglican Communion for use today:

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Sovereign Lord of the universe, Creator of humankind, we, your unfaithful children, are truly sorry for our sins and the lives that we have lived. We sincerely believe and confess in our hearts that only through the precious of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary, can we obtain Your forgiveness.

We repent that:

In thought, word, or deed we have committed serious offences against You and our neighbors;

In laziness, despair and lust for power, we have provoked hatred, division and hurt within our communities;

In greed, deceit and indifference, we have caused serious damage, unnecessary conflict and aggravated destruction to our refugee and migrant brothers and sisters;

In selfishness, insensitivity and bias, we have encouraged and emboldened those who inflict hurt, pain and sorrow on our loved ones and families;

In the name of religion, doctrine and even Christ himself, we have wounded believers and pursuers of holiness and faith;

In stubborn, pride and arrogance, we have caused division and strife within Your church and among Your children;

Mercifully send Your Holy Spirit – the Spirit of order and comfort – and cleanse us from all unrighteousness; restore us in true faith in Christ which brings truth, peace and harmony; and help us to walk together with our brothers and sisters in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of Your name.

Amen.