



LENT 5
MARCH 22, 2026

Bell calling us together

Opening Hymn

Salutation for Lent

Blessed be the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures forever.

The Collect for Purity – 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. Amen.

The Kyrie

Lord Have Mercy, **Lord have mercy**

Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**

The Collect

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.*

Old Testament

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.

Psalm 130

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.**

The Epistle

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.

The Gospel

Here's a "readers' theatre" setting of John 11: 1-45, the raising of Lazarus (the gospel reading for Lent 5, Year A). It is set for four voices. The congregation takes voice "Four"

One: A man named Lazarus was sick.

He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha.

This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet

and wiped them with her hair.

Her brother, Lazarus, was sick.

So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him,

Two: Lord, your dear friend is very sick.

One: But when Jesus heard about it he said,

Three: Lazarus's sickness will not end in death.

No, it happened for the glory of God

so that the Son of God will receive glory from this.

One: So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next two days.

Finally, he said to his disciples,

Three: Let's go back to Judea.

One: But his disciples objected.

Four: Rabbi, only a few days ago
the people in Judea were trying to stone you.
Are you going there again?

Three: There are twelve hours of daylight every day.
During the day people can walk safely.
They can see because they have the light of this world.
But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no
light.
Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep,
but now I will go and wake him up.

Four: Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!

One: The disciples thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply
sleeping,
but Jesus meant Lazarus had died.
So he told them plainly,

Three: Lazarus is dead.
And for your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there,
for now you will really believe.
Come, let's go see him.

One: Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples,

Four: Let's go, too—and die with Jesus.

One: When Jesus arrived at Bethany,
he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four
days.

Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem,
and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary
in their loss.

When Martha got word that Jesus was coming,
she went to meet him.

But Mary stayed in the house.

Martha said to Jesus,

Two: Lord, if only you had been here,
my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.

Three: Your brother will rise again.

Two: Yes, he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.

Three: I am the resurrection and the life.

Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.

Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever
die.

Do you believe this, Martha?

Two: Yes, Lord, I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God,
the one who has come into the world from God.

One: Then she returned to Mary.
She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her,

Two: The Teacher is here and wants to see you.

One: So Mary immediately went to him.

Jesus had stayed outside the village,
at the place where Martha met him.

When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily,

they assumed she was going to Lazarus's grave to weep.
So they followed her there.

When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said,

Two: "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

One: When Jesus saw her weeping
and saw the other people wailing with her,
a deep anger welled up within him,
and he was deeply troubled.

Three: Where have you put him?

One: They told him,

Four: “Lord, come and see.”

One: Then Jesus wept.

The people who were standing nearby said,

“See how much he loved him!”

But some said, “This man healed a blind man.

Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb,

a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance.

Three: Roll the stone aside.

One: But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested,

Two: Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible.

Three: Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?

One: So they rolled the stone aside.

Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said,

Three: Father, thank you for hearing me.

You always hear me,

but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here,

so that they will believe you sent me.

One: Then Jesus shouted,

Three: Lazarus, come out!

One: And the dead man came out,
his hands and feet bound in graveclothes,
his face wrapped in a headcloth.

Three: Unwrap him and let him go!

One: Many of the people who were with Mary
believed in Jesus when they saw this happen.

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

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

“Lord, if you had been here,” said Martha. “my brother would not have died.” Lord, make us aware of your presence and of your call to live your life, as we pray to you: *R/ Son of the living God, give us life..*

- For the Church, especially for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island as we discern the call of our new bishop, and for Charles our Priest.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for the Churches of St. Luke's, East Hampton, and Holy Trinity, Hicksville. We pray for us here at St. Mary's, that we may help the light of our Lord shine in this world and proclaim his message of truth and love in the language of our time, let us pray:

R/ Son of the living God, give us life.

– Lord, give new life to your Church and give it courage, that a better Church be born through the testing pains of renewal, we pray:

R/ Son of the living God, give us life.

– Lord, pour out your life richly and deeply in adults and children preparing for baptism, that they may live close to you, we pray:

R/ Son of the living God, give us life.

– Lord, sustain the old and the dying in the hope that they will rise in you, that they may entrust themselves to you in all serenity and with deep faith, we pray:

R/ Son of the living God, give us life.

– Lord, keep inspiring those who suffer, the victims of injustice and misfortune, with the value and the dignity of life, that they may not give up on life, we pray:

R/ Son of the living God, give us life.

– Lord, look on our Christian community. Make us appreciate life as a gift and a task so that we can use all our potentials to make it rich and full for ourselves and for others, we pray:

R/ Son of the living God, give us life.

Let us pray for all those who are on our parish prayer list.... *pause*... I invite you to share any intercessions you may have with this gathered community ...*pause*... For all of these we ask:

R/ Son of the living God, give us life.

Our God of life,
you want us to live and to be happy.
Your Son Jesus assures us:
"I am the resurrection and the life."
Do not let your life die in us.
Make us come out of our graves
of sin and mediocrity and fears.
Let life triumph in us
even in our uncertainties and trials
and make our hope contagious for others.
You have destined us for life without end
through the firstborn from the dead,
Jesus Christ our Lord. ***R/ Amen.***

The Confession

The Lord comes to free from the darkness
of sin and evil and grant us the peace
that comes from justice and friendship.
Let us now ask God to free from the prisons we have made
for ourselves and for others by our blindness, and confess our sins

Silence may be kept.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in
each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and
the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

Hymn for the Preparation of the Table and Gifts

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow
Praise God all Creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God
and everlasting Father,

through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into
the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and
discipline

we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your
generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in
the world

and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendor of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and *saying*:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

(Eucharistic Prayer for Lent, Scottish Episcopal Church)

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

All: **Our Father...**

Priest: O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **grant us your peace**

Gifts of God.....

Musical Communion Meditation

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing *In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows: The Deacon or, in the absence of a deacon, the Presider says* Bow down before the Lord.

The people may kneel and the Presider says one of the following prayers:.

Lent 4 Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Closing hymn

Go in the peace and the love of Christ. **R/ Thanks be to God.**

We Pray for the Healing & Support:

We pray for the repose of the soul of Gayle Gurney, we pray for the Labrozzi family and their recovery from the fire

We pray for Judy Hoffman who has been diagnosed with advanced abdominal cancer.

For the continuing recovery of Mary Ann Blados, Andy Visconti, Gail Gurney, Margaret MacLean, Joanne Calabro, Joe Canning, John Stadenraus, Walter Brigham, Steve Giannitelli, Betianne Morritt, Mark Capellino's Parents, Cindy Belt's mother, Lois Corbett, Barbara Brigham for continued recovery, for Bob Fisher, Sharon Gibbs, Barbara Allen Lieblein Kathryn James, Peter Gulluscio, Bob and Virginia Springsteen, Ethan Pae, Valerie Capon, Louie Cicero, Linda Armbruster, Andrew Kuhn, Sr. Joy Wright

We pray for, Ukraine, the Sudan, Syria and the countries of the Middle East for peace and for safety. For all those suffering from extreme weather in our country and around the world.

We pray for peace and the end of divisions in our own country

For those grieving loved ones, especially those interred in our cemetery, for those who are ill, for all those who serve the sick, the needy and those in prison, for those who are anxious or fearful. For all those in the midst of war or natural disasters.

For all our parishioners living with cancer, known or undetected & for all those who participate in a 12 step group here at St. Mary, and those who have visited our Prayer Wall.

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Two sayings of the Holy Scriptures beat
Like pulses in the Church's brow and breast;
And by them we find rest in our unrest
And, heart deep in salt-tears, do yet entreat
God's fellowship as if on heavenly seat.
The first is JESUS WEPT,--whereon is prest
Full many a sobbing face that drops its best
And sweetest waters on the record sweet:
And one is where the Christ, denied and scorned
LOOKED UPON PETER. Oh, to render plain
By help of having loved a little and mourned,
That look of sovran love and sovran pain
Which HE, who could not sin yet suffered, turned
On him who could reject but not sustain !

Elizabeth Barrett Browning 1806-1861



MAUNDY THURSDAY: 6:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY 12 NOON MEDITATION AND PRAYER

GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY 10 AM MORNING PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE "FLOWERING" OF THE CHURCH

HOLY SATURDAY THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER WITH OTHER DEANERY CHURCHES AT CHRIST CHURCH, SAG HARBOR TIME TBD

EASTER MORNING THE SECOND EUCHARIST OF EASTER
10:00 AM