



St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church

April 2, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PRELUDE Prélude Denis Bédard

Please stand as you are able until the Lessons.

OPENING HYMN #511 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
Holy Spirit, ever living *Abbot's Leigh*

Morning Prayer: Rite II

Today's service begins with one of the Lent sentences on page 76 in The Book of Common Prayer (red book). Morning Prayer has a number of options, but the service will generally continue forward in the book. An exception is the Prayers of the People that are later in the book, following which we return to Morning Prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Page 79 in The Book of Common Prayer.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Page 80 in The Book of Common Prayer.
(The Alleluia is omitted during Lent.)*

THE ANTIPHON FOR LENT

*Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
People: **Come let us adore him.***

VENITE

Page 82 in The Book of Common Prayer, read by all.

THE ANTIPHON FOR LENT IS REPEATED

*All: **The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.***

THE PSALM

Psalm 130

Page 784 in The Book of Common Prayer

De profundis

At the end of the psalm we add:

*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

The people sit.

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 round 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.**

CANTICLE *Please stand as you are able for the Canticle, then be seated 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.**

CANTICLE *Please stand as you are able until after the Gospel*

GRADUAL HYMN #449 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Deo gracias

John 11:1-45

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

People: **Glorify you, Lord Christ.**

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 for 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 for 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 upwards 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.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed *Page 96 in The Book of Common Prayer*

THE PRAYERS *Page 97 in The Book of Common Prayer*

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.*

The Prayers of the People, *the page number in The Book of Common Prayer will be announced*

The Peace

Deacon: La Paz del Señor sea siempre con usted. (*The peace of the Lord be always with you.*)

People: **Y también contigo.** (*And also with you.*)

Announcements, Birthday, and Anniversary Blessings

OFFERTORY HYMN #680 in *The Hymnal* (blue book)
O God, our help in ages past

St. Anne

Pledgers, please place your offering in an envelope and write your name on it so the treasurer can easily identify your giving. Thank you.

The General Thanksgiving

Page 101 in The Book of Common Prayer.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Bendigamos al Señor. (Let us bless the Lord,)

People: **Demos gracias a Dios.** (Thanks be to God.)

POSTLUDE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Wilbur Held

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John’s offers a work-day Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 12:10.

Please join in the coffee hour after the service in the Parish Hall. Exit the door on the front left of the church, the Parish Hall is the next building over.

The services of Holy Week are really one service telling the story of Jesus' last week leading up to his Crucifixion, and Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday April 9, 2017 10:30 AM

There are two parts to this Sunday: We begin with re-enacting Jesus' welcome into Jerusalem with a joyous procession of palms and end with a forewarning of events to come.

Maundy Thursday April 13, 2017 6:00 PM

At the last supper, Jesus models his humility and love by washing the feet of his companions. We also commemorate the first communion, "do this for the remembrance of me".

Good Friday April 14, 2017 Noon

The day of the Crucifixion. We honor the ancient custom of the 3 hours. The service tells the story of Jesus' betrayal, trial, and crucifixion and, following that, we follow the Stations of the Cross, a traditional movement devotional, in which the people symbolically participate in Jesus' path to the cross.

Easter Sunday April 16, 2017 10:30 AM

We celebrate the empty tomb, Jesus' glorious Resurrection!

First Anniversary of Helping Urban Bicyclists (HUB)

Come and celebrate HUB's first anniversary. This ministry of St. John’s assists those in the community with transportation and bicycle repair. HUB is a welcome, safe haven in this otherwise hectic world.

Saturday April 22, 2017 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION

<p>St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church 316 N El Dorado Street Stockton, CA 95202</p> <p>Stockton’s historic Episcopal Church, founded in 1850 on land donated by Captain Weber, the founder of Stockton.</p> <p>Part of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin The Rt. Rev. David C. Rice, Bishop The Rev. Linda Huggard, Priest-in-Charge The Rev. Steve Bentley, Deacon Brother Dunstan Townsend, OSB, Organist</p>	<p>Church Office: (209) 466-6916 episcopalangel@outlook.com www.stjohnsstockton.org diosanjoaquin.org www.anglicancommunion.org</p> <p>The HUB (<i>Helping Urban Bicyclists</i>) is on Facebook. www.facebook.com/STOCKTONHUB</p>
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Today’s Gospel, the raising of Lazarus, is the subject of the fifth icon panel in the south transept of the church. Notice both Mary and Martha at the feet of Jesus. (If you don’t know what a transept or religious icons are, see Br. Dunstan.)

Church Question of the Day: Do you know what historic period of architecture our church building represents? *Gothic? Medieval? Norman? Byzantine? Saxon? Baroque? Colonial? Greek?* (The arches throughout the church are a clue.)