

Dignity/New York Online Liturgy
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020

Everyone is welcome to join us via Zoom.us
March 29, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: For the Life of the World David Haas

Refrain: For the life of the world, we will stand together, we will serve the Lord. For the of the world, we will cry for justice, and every heart will sing that Jesus Christ is Lord!

1. We walk together to be children of light, our God calls each of us by name! Christ moves within us, we are God's work of art! We live no longer for ourselves!
2. We are the chosen people God has called the life we live is not our own! If we will die with Christ, then we will be free! We live no longer for ourselves!

GREETING:

Presider: We begin, in the name of God, who is the All-Holy, the Eternal Word, + and the Life-Giving Spirit. All: Amen

Presider: May the grace and peace of God be with each of us.

All: And also with you.

PENITENTIAL RITE:

Presider: Conscious that our love for one another helps us to know the love of God more fully, let us pause and reflect on the ways in which the living God is present to us.

Presider: For the times we felt the embrace of God through kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Kyrie Eleison

All: Kyrie Eleison

Presider: For the times we saw Jesus in the faces of the poor, the broken and the unloved. Christe Eleison

All: Christe Eleison

Presider: For the times we felt the Spirit move among us, giving us new life, hope, and inspiration. Kyrie Eleison

All: Kyrie Eleison

Presider: God, you incarnated yourself in Jesus in order to radically transform our minds and hearts. Help us to forgive ourselves for the times we have put limits on your Spirit at Work in us. As we journey through Lent, give us to wisdom to see, hear and feel you at work in our relationships with one another and with all creation.

All: Amen

OPENING PRAYER: A Coronavirus Prayer from America Magazine (Edited)

Presider: Let us pray: Christ Jesus, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. O Lover of All, you call us to do justice and live compassion. May we discover the sacred in everything we see and do, and in our sisters and brothers who are in need

of our loving service. We ask this through Jesus, who calls us to be the compassion of God in our world. Amen.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Remember Your Love Balhoff/Ducote/Daigle

Refrain: Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord.
Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?
The Lord is my life and my refuge; when I call He hears.
2. If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand?
But with You there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Response **"God of Mercy, hear our prayer."**

MEDITATION

THE GREATEST PRAYER:

Presider: Jesus challenged us to call you "Abba" and taught us not to be afraid. And so with that courage let us prayer: Our Father/Mother....

THANKSGIVING:

Presider: Though we cannot share physical bread and wine with each other, we can celebrate Eucharist in a way that honors its true meaning, which is "Thanksgiving." So, I would invite everyone to share, in just a few words, something that you are grateful for.

CLOSING PRAYER (based on prayer by Joseph McShane, SJ)

Presider: God of all mercies, grant: To those of us gathered here, safety and good health; To those afflicted with COVID-19, swift healing; To the frightened, courage; To the dying, comfort; To the dead, eternal life; To health-care providers, strength and stamina; To our leaders, wisdom and compassion; To our nation, unity of purpose; To the Church, the grace to serve the suffering selflessly; To all believers, strong faith in

Your presence; To the whole human family, unity of heart; and To us, your servants, the reward of knowing that we are doing Your will when we spend ourselves in loving service of others. We ask this through Jesus, now and forever. Amen.

Presider: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: May God bless us, the All-Holy One, Eternal Word, and Life-giving Spirit.

All: Amen

Presider: This liturgy has concluded. Let us go in peace, with the wisdom to take care of ourselves and the compassion to care for one another. Be well, everyone. Let us hold one another in our hearts.

CONCLUDING HYMN: Christ in Me Arise (Trevor Thomson)

Refrain: Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

Be now my vision; open these eyes.
showing me all that I must see.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

Be now my footsteps, leading the way,
taking me where I must go.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

You know my heart and you know my ways,
you who formed me in my mother's womb.
I live and move in you, my whole being thrives in you.

...Final Refrain

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Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.
Christ in me arise, Christ in me arise,
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.