

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m.

## Morning Prayer

**Introit** There is a balm in Gilead *Balm in Gilead*

**Hymn** 487 Come my way, my truth, my life *The Call*

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a  
2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a  
3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a

way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; Such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; Such a love as none can

strife; Such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; Such a strength as makes his guest.  
part; Such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593-1632

Tune: THE CALL, 7 7 7 7; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

## Opening Sentences

### 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.*

**Anthem:** Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature

### 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 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.

WLP 773 Heal me hands of Jesus *Sharpe*

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re-  
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit-ter-ness a-way; let  
 3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis-  
 4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx-i-e-ty shall cease and

store my hope, re-move my fear and bring me peace a-gain.  
 me for-give as one for-given and bring me peace to-day.  
 pel the mem-o-ries of guilt, and bring me peace with-in.  
 heaven's se-ren-i-ty be mine, for Je-sus brings me peace!

### A Litany of Healing

*Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our congregants: Pray for the Church of England, The Most Rev and Right Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. Pray for the people of Trinity, Rocky Mount and their rector, the Rev. David Taylor. Pray for the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama.*

*Pray for Jeanne Eichelberger, Carolyn West-Willette, Bettie Cadden, Frances Harcus, Rev. Susan Bentley, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Mary Craighill, Lori Sadler, Pam Holsten, Jordan (friend of David Cox), Lynne Johnson, Melissa Hays-Smith, Pat Gibson, Polly Lawrence, Greg Lemmer, Kent Wilson, Myra Brush.*

*Pray for Michael Bryant who is being deployed for 90 days with the Virginia National Guard. Pray for all who are serving in the military at home and abroad.*

*Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, especially Covid-19, violence and oppression.*

*Pray for the victims of the tornado in the Tennessee River Valley on March 25.*

*Pray for Martha Burford as she discerns her call to the diaconate and her local reflection group, Uncas McThenia, Jeanne Eichelberger, Steve Shultis, Carey Harvycutter, Anne Hansen and Preston Evans.*

*In thanksgiving for birthdays this week of Sarah Dagen, David Connolly, Dot Fogo, Alice Moore, Punky Dod, Gail Dickerson, Robert Sayre, Molly Brown and Jasper Murphy.*

**Priest:** Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

People: (*You may add your intentions.*)

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

***We praise you and thank you, O Lord***

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

***We praise you and thank you, O Lord***

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

***We praise you and thank you, O Lord***

Holy Trinity, on God, in you we live and move and have our being;

***We praise you and thank you, O Lord***

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders:

***You have declared your power among the peoples.***

With you, O Lord is the well of life:

***And in your light we see light.***

Hear us, O Lord of life:

***Heal us, and make us whole.***

Let us pray.

Open us to your healing power, O God. We entrust ourselves to your care, knowing that you are doing for us and for all the world far better things than we can ask or imagine. With you as our companion and guide, strengthen us to hope for all that is good, and to fear no evil. For your love is stronger than death, and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens; and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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.***

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.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

May God who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your defense, and help you know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the Name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need your pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with you at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold now your cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens: Lord, with me a - bide!  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but your grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see:  
 Who, like your - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your vic - to - ry?  
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O Lord who chang - es not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if you a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte (1793-1847), alt.  
 MUSIC: William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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Blessing

Peace