

**Morning Service from Bishopthorpe Palace
Fifth Sunday of Lent 2020**

Introit: Call to Prayer – a sound heard in many rural villages in Uganda calling people to come to prayer.

Greeting

Archbishop

Good morning. Welcome to Bishopthorpe. You are one of us. Thank you for welcoming us into your home or wherever you are.

In the name of the Father
And of the Son
And of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We meet in the presence of God
**who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

Archbishop

May I invite you to join in the singing of Cornerstone.

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly trust in Jesus' name

*Christ alone, cornerstone
weak made strong in the Saviour's love
through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil

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*Through the storm
He is Lord,
Lord of all.*

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The Archbishop introduces the service.

On this fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday, the beginning of the Passion of our Lord, let us offer our prayers to the God whose love, compassion and friendliness has no sell-by date.

Lord Jesus,
you call us into one family,
as your sisters and brothers:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you have commanded us to love one another
as you have loved us:
Christ have mercy.

All Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you look for the day when the worshippers will worship in spirit and in truth:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Primates' Meeting: Kyrie Confession

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins
that we may behold the glory of his Son,

the Word made flesh,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And a special prayer for this Sunday:

Collect

Gracious Father,
 you gave up your Son
 out of love for the world:
 lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
 that we may know eternal peace
 through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;
 Lord, hear my voice; ◆
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ◆
 O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, ◆
 so that you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ◆
 in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
 more than the night watch for the morning, ◆
 more than the night watch for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, ◆
 for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him is plenteous redemption ◆
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Readings

Ezekiel 37.1-14

The Valley of Dry Bones

Read by the Revd Margaret Sentamu

¹The Lord's hand was upon me, and he carried me out by his spirit and set me down in a plain that was full of bones. ²He made me pass among them in every direction. Countless in number and very dry, they covered the plain. ³He said to me, 'O man, can these bones live?' I answered, 'Only you, Lord God, know that.' ⁴He said, 'Prophecy over these bones; say: Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵The Lord God says to these bones: I am going to put breath a into you, and you will live. ⁶I shall fasten sinews on you, clothe you with flesh, cover you with skin, and give you breath, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'

⁷I began to prophesy as I had been told, and as I prophesied there was a rattling sound and the bones all fitted themselves together. ⁸As I watched, sinews appeared upon them, flesh clothed them, and they were covered with skin, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the wind, prophesy, O man, and say to it: These are the words of the Lord God: Let winds come from every quarter and breathe into these slain, that they may come to life.' ¹⁰I prophesied as I had been told; breath entered them, and they came to life and rose to their feet, a mighty company.

¹¹He said to me, 'O man, these bones are the whole people of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dry, our hope is gone, and we are cut off." ¹²Prophecy, therefore, and say to them: The Lord God has said: My people, I shall open your graves and bring you up from them, and restore you to the land of Israel. ¹³You, my people, will know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴Then I shall put my spirit b into you and you will come to life, and I shall settle you on your own soil, and you will know that I the Lord have spoken and I shall act. This is the word of the Lord.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu

Romans 8.6-11

Read by Dr. John Sentamu

Those who live on the level of the old nature have their outlook formed by it, and that spells death; but those who live on the level of the spirit have the spiritual outlook, and that is life and peace. ⁷For the outlook of the unspiritual nature is enmity with God; it is not subject to the law of God and indeed it cannot be; ⁸those who live under its control cannot please God. ⁹But you do not live like that. You live by the spirit, since God's Spirit dwells in you; and anyone who does not possess the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then although the body is dead because of sin, yet the Spirit is your life because you have been justified. ¹¹Moreover, if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then the God who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give new life to your mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Archbishop:

Please join me in the singing of the hymn 'It is a thing most wonderful'.

It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come from heav'n
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned and died
for love of those who loved Him not.

And yet I want to love Thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love Thee more and more,
until I see Thee as Thou art.

*(109 Common Praise
Tune: Herongate*

*English Traditional arranged by R Vaughan Williams
Words by W Walsham How)*

Gospel: John 11.1-45

The death of Lazarus

Read by the Revd Margaret Sentamu

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹There was a man named Lazarus who had fallen ill. His home was at Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²This Mary, whose brother Lazarus had fallen ill, was the woman who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. ³The sisters sent a message to him: 'Sir, you should know that your friend lies ill.' ⁴When Jesus heard this he said, 'This illness is not to end in death; through it God's glory is to be revealed and the Son of God glorified.' ⁵Therefore, though he loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶he stayed where he was for two days after hearing of Lazarus's illness.

⁷He then said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judaea.' ⁸'Rabbi,' his disciples said, 'it is not long since the Jews there were wanting to stone you. Are you going there again?' ⁹Jesus replied, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone can walk in the daytime without stumbling, because he has this world's light to see by. ¹⁰But if he walks after nightfall he stumbles, because the light fails him.'

¹¹After saying this he added, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I shall go and wake him.' ¹²The disciples said, 'Master, if he is sleeping he will recover.' ¹³Jesus had been speaking of Lazarus's death, but they thought that he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly: 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵I am glad for your sake that I was not there; for it will lead you to believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶Thomas, called 'the Twin', said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go and die with him.'

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

¹⁷ On his arrival Jesus found that Lazarus had already been four days in the tomb. ¹⁸Bethany was just under two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come from the city to visit Martha and Mary and condole with them about their brother. ²⁰As soon as Martha heard that Jesus was on his way, she went to meet him, and left Mary sitting at home.

²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died. ²²Even now I know that God will grant you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴'I know that he will rise again', said Martha, 'at the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever has faith in me shall live, even though he dies; ²⁶and no one who lives and has faith in me shall ever die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷'I do, Lord,' she answered; 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who was to come into the world.'

Jesus weeps

²⁸So saying she went to call her sister Mary and, taking her aside, she said, 'The Master is here and is asking for you.' ²⁹As soon as Mary heard this she rose and went to him. ³⁰Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were in the house condoling with Mary saw her hurry out, they went after her, assuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

³²Mary came to the place where Jesus was, and as soon as she saw him she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died.' ³³When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he was moved with indignation and deeply distressed. ³⁴'Where have you laid him?' he asked. They replied, 'Come and see.' ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶The Jews said, 'How dearly he must have loved him!' ³⁷But some of them said, 'Could not this man, who opened the blind man's eyes, have done something to keep Lazarus from dying?'

Jesus raises Lazarus to life

³⁸Jesus, again deeply moved, went to the tomb. It was a cave, with a stone placed against it. ³⁹Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, 'Sir, by now there will be a stench; he has been there four days.' ⁴⁰Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you have faith you will see the glory of God?' ⁴¹Then they removed the stone.

Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for hearing me. ⁴²I know that you always hear me, but I have spoken for the sake of the people standing round, that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

⁴³Then he raised his voice in a great cry: 'Lazarus, come out.' ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with linen bandages, his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said, 'Loose him; let him go.'

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. ⁴⁶But some of them went off to the Pharisees and reported what he had done.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu

Song: The Cross Stands

Beyond this lifetime
beyond this darkness, there's light
your cross is shining
so, people open your eyes

The cross stands above it all
burning bright in this life
the cross towers
over it all
one hope, one Deliverer
Saviour reigning high above it all
above it all.

These chains are breaking
your love is shaking us free
a great awakening
the world will finally see

That the cross stands above it all
burning bright in this life
the cross towers
over it all
one hope, one Deliverer
Saviour reigning high above it all

Christ has overcome
it is finished, He has won
Christ has overcome
we're standing strong

The cross stand above it all
in the waiting days

the cross stands above it all
in uncertain times

The cross towers over it all
The cross stands above it all.

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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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,

who 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

Archbishop

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,
and shaping national policies,
that they may make wise decisions:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,
that through their skill and insights
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful,
for the gravely ill and the dying,
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

As our Saviour has taught and commanded us, we are called to pray:

**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,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Conclusion

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.
Amen.

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.
Amen.

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace.
Amen.

Archbishop

The Blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be always with you.

Our final hymn is 'My Song is Love Unknown, My Saviour's Love to Me'.

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

Sometimes they strew His way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight,
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease,
and 'gainst Him rise.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

by John Ireland and words by Samuel Crossman.

Archbishop

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Amen

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