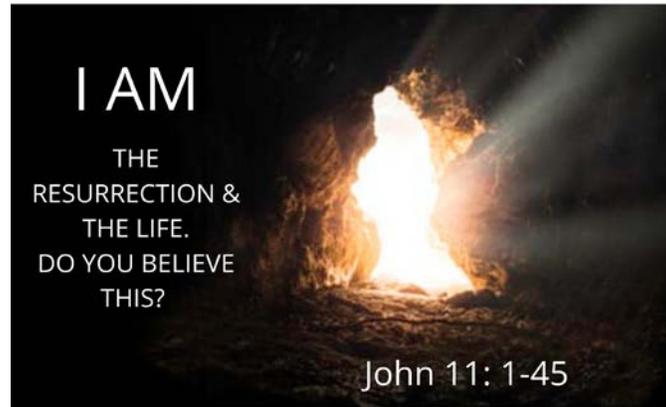


# Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church

*Growing in Love to Become One with God's Purpose*



**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 29, 2020**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## **The Penitential Order**

*During the season of Lent, we observe the solemnity of the season by observing the Penitential Order which allows us to reflect on other Scriptures and confess our sins as we begin each liturgy.*

### **Prelude: "Over Me"**

by Chris Tomlin and Seth Walker

#### **Verse 1**

Father hold me  
Like a new born child  
Father hold me  
Like a new born child  
Father calm me  
When I run wild  
Father watch over me

#### **Chorus**

Over me  
Like the rain come down  
Over me  
How sweet the sound  
Over me  
Angels gathered round  
Father watch over me

#### **Verse 2**

Father cool me  
When the fever's high  
Father cool me  
When the fever's high  
Father show me  
Through Jesus' eyes  
Father watch over me

#### **Verse 3**

Father call me  
To Your loving side  
Father call me  
To Your loving side  
Father speak to me  
And I'll be alright  
Father watch over me

**(Chorus)**

## **Gather: “One Thing Remains”**

by Brian Johnson, Jeremy Riddle and  
Christa Black Gifford

### Verse 1

Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant in the trial and the change  
One thing remains  
One thing remains

### Interlude

Your love Your love Your love will never change

### Chorus

Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
Never runs out on me  
(REPEAT)

Your love

### Verse 2

On and on and on and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never ever have to be afraid  
One thing remains  
One thing remains

### Bridge

In death in life I'm confident and  
Cover'd by the power of Your great love  
My debt is paid there's nothing that  
Can separate my heart from Your great love  
(REPEAT)

### Ending

Your love

## **Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* His mercy endures forever.

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People:* Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

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 Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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 forever. *Amen.*

### **A reading from 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, “Prophesy 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, “Prophesy 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Meditation: “Spirit Fall”** by Daniel Carson, Jason Ingram, Kristian Stanfill & Louie Giglio

Spirit fall Spirit fall  
Holy Spirit fall fall on me  
(repeat)

Verse

Like a mighty wind light the fire again  
Come and breathe Your breath on me  
Like a mighty wind light the fire again  
Come and breathe Your breath on me

Oh oh oh  
(repeat)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 11: 1-45**

*People* Praise be to you O Lord.

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.

## **The Gospel of the Lord.**

*People*      Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Homily**

**Peter Stube**

**Song of Faith:** “We Believe and Trust”

by Marc Nelson

We Believe and Trust in God the father Almighty  
We Believe and Trust in Jesus Christ His Son  
We Believe and Trust in the Holy Spirit  
We Believe and Trust in the Three in One

## **The Prayers of the People, Form II**

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*(In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, silently or aloud.)*

I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Daniel, and for the leaders and ministers of our parish. Pray for the church.

I ask your prayers for the well-being of all people and nations; remembering Donald, our president, and Thomas, our governor. Pray for peace on earth.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and the sick. We especially ask healing and strength for Kurt, June, Margaret, Brian, Dorothea, Lou, Norman Milnes, Clara Bradbury, Ryan Mellor and Elisabeth Neu. Are there others?

I ask your thanksgiving for God’s blessings.

We pray God’s grace and guidance for all “first responders” and law enforcement officers in our communities, as well as those on active duty in our military services; especially Alex Oliver, Evan Farren, Andrew Pascuzzi, Steven Masker, Connor Kreston, Jon Clark, Chris Fanizzi, Kyle Beck, Jaime Johnstonbaugh, Justin Miller, Michael Selner and their families. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*The celebrant adds a collect.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

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 Peace**

**Offertory: "The Rock"**

by Michael Neale

Verse 1

Your powerful hand is upon me  
To live in the light of Your Word  
Fear turns to faith in the arms of Your grace  
In Your love I'm so secure

Verse 2

The winds and the waves may be raging  
So on You I will fix my eyes  
Storms have no choice  
At the sound of Your voice  
I know that Your peace will be mine

Chorus

(Cause) You are the Rock that I will stand on  
You are the Hope I hold on to  
You are my Source of life my Source of strength  
I will build my life on You

Verse 3

Your Presence is ever around me  
Like the sun pouring out of the sky  
No greater love under heaven above  
To You I abandon my life

Bridge

My Rock my Fortress  
Defender and Guide  
My Hope my Shelter  
Redeemer Life

**The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer B**

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**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Sanctus: "Holy Holy Holy"**

by Allen Pote

Holy Holy Holy  
My heart, my heart adores you  
My heart knows how to say to you  
You are holy Lord

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your

Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **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.

### **Communion Song: "Jesus King of Angels"**

by Fernando Ortega

#### **Verse 1**

Jesus King of angels Heaven's light, shine Your face upon this house tonight  
Let no evil come into my dreams, light of heaven keep me in Your peace

#### **Verse 2**

Remind me how You made dark spirits flee, and spoke Your power to the raging sea  
And spoke Your mercy to a sinful man, remind me Jesus for this is what I am

#### **Bridge**

The universe is vast beyond the stars, but You are mindful when a sparrow falls  
And mindful of the anxious thoughts that find me, surround me and bind me

#### **Verse 3**

With all my heart I love You Sov'reign Lord, tomorrow let me love you even more  
And rise to speak the goodness of Your name, until I close my eyes in sleep again

#### **Bridge**

#### **Outro**

Jesus King of angels heaven's light, hold my hand and keep me through the night

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Lenten Dismissal

Parish Announcements

**Service Hymn: “The Joy of the Lord”**

by Twila Paris

Verse 1

The joy of the Lord will be my strength  
I will not falter I will not faint  
He is my Shepherd I am not afraid  
The joy of the Lord is my strength

Chorus

The joy of the Lord  
The joy of the Lord  
The joy of the Lord  
Is my strength

Verse 2

The joy of the Lord will be my strength  
He will uphold me all of my days  
I am surrounded by mercy and grace  
And the joy of the Lord is my strength

Verse 3

The joy of the Lord will be my strength  
And I will not waver walking by faith  
He will be strong to deliver me safe  
The joy of the Lord is my strength

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