



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
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## Land Acknowledgement

During the season of Lent, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

In this Holy time of Lent, we acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places that were home to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Holy One, help us to repent of all that we have done, and to make peace with those whom we have wronged, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

## The Penitential Rite

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray. Almighty God,

*All:* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Priest:* Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

*People:* **whose mercy endures forever.**

*Priest:* Dear friends in Christ as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

## Confession and Absolution

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

*People:* **Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more  
in your likeness and image,  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

**Hymn: #141 (Sing a New Creation) "From the Depths ..."**

*Redeemer Music Team*



1. From the depths of sin and sad-ness I have called un - to the Lord.
2. If you, Lord, re - cord our sin-ning, who could then be - fore you stand?
3. For the Lord my heart is wait-ing; for God's word I hope and wait.



Be not deaf to my poor plead-ing. In your mer-cy, hear my voice.  
But with you there is for - give-ness. You shall ev - er be re - vered.  
More than wat-chers wait for sun - rise I am wait-ing for the Lord.

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## The Collect of the Day

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* God of all consolation, your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary, for your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, so that we may face despair and death with the hope of the resurrection and faith in the One who called Lazarus forth from the grave.

*People:* **Amen.**

## Reading

*Murray Bryant*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

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, ‘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.’

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*A moment of silence is observed*

# Hymn: #180 (Common Praise) "Giver of the Perfect Gift"

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1. Giv - er of the per - fect gift, on - ly hope of hu - man race,
2. Though the ac - cus - ing voice with - in speaks of ma - ny a wrong to thee,
3. Who can save us, Lord, but thou? Let thy mer - cy show thy power.
4. Oh! may these our Lent - en days, blest by thee, with thee be passed,
5. God the ho - ly Trin - i - ty, grant the mer - cy we im - plore;



hear the prayer our hearts up - lift, trem - bling at thy throne of grace.  
thou canst cleanse from ev - ery sin; thou canst set the con - science free.  
Lo, we plead thy pro - mise now, now, in this the ac - cept - ed hour.  
that with pur - er, nob - ler praise we may keep thy feast at last.  
God the One, all praise to thee through the a - ges ev - er - more.

Text: Latin (11<sup>th</sup> cent.?), tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893). Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), alt.

## The Gospel

Three Voices

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Narrator:* 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,

*Jesus:* '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.'

*Narrator:* 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,

*Jesus:* 'Let us go to Judea again.'

*Other V:* 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?'

*Jesus:* '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.'

'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.'

*Other V:* 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.'

*Narrator:* Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly,

*Jesus:* 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.'

*Narrator:* Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples,

*Other V:* 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

*Narrator:* 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,

*Other V:* '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:* 'Your brother will rise again.'

*Other V:* 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.'

*Jesus:* '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?'

*Other V:* 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

*Narrator:* When Martha had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately,

*Other V:* 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.'

*Narrator:* 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,

*Other V:* ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’

*Narrator:* When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

*Jesus:* ‘Where have you laid him?’

*Narrator:* 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:* ‘Take away the stone.’

*Other V:* ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’

*Jesus:* ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’

*Narrator:* So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said,

*Jesus:* ‘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.’

*Narrator:* When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,

*Jesus:* ‘Lazarus, come out!’

*Narrator:* The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.

*Jesus:* ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

*Narrator:* Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 11.1-45

(Adjusted and arranged for three voices)

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

*Andrew Kuhl*

*A moment of silence is observed*

## The Prayers of the People

Pauline Walsh

*Leader:* Let us pray:

We come to you with tears, Creator God,  
For we see death all around us.  
Death in the forests,  
death in the waterways,  
death amongst the creatures.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* God who gave water in the wilderness,

**All: Grant us your living water.**

*Leader:* We come to you with tears, weeping Saviour,  
for we see death all around us.  
Death in countries ravaged by war,  
death for those who live next to the mines,  
death for those who live on the streets,  
death in homes filled with violence.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* God who gave water in the wilderness,

**All: Grant us your living water.**

*Leader:* We come to you with tears, Comforting Spirit,  
for death has entered deep within us  
and we suffer in body, mind, and spirit.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* God who gave water in the wilderness,

**All: Grant us your living water.**

*Leader:* And yet, we dare to rejoice, O Resurrected One,  
for all the ways that new life  
blossoms in our world and community.  
We give thanks for farmers across the world,  
restoring their land.  
We give thanks for homes and welcome for refugees.  
We give thanks for the Common Table, Sanctuary and Indwell,  
providing warmth, food, and shelter.

We give thanks for this community,  
surrounding so many of us with open arms.  
We give thanks for your love,  
which welcomes us to resurrection life,  
and brings us home.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* God who gave water in the wilderness,

*All:* **Grant us your living water. Amen.**

## **Healing**

*For those desiring prayers for healing, please contact one of the priests present privately in the chat.*

## **The Peace**

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**





1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy, for Je - sus re -  
 2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace; the cap - tives are  
 3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice: be - lieve the good  
 4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal, in Je - sus be -



stores what sin would de - stroy. God's pow - er and glo - ry in  
 freed, the sin - ners find place. The out - casts are wel - comed God's  
 news, re - pent and re - joice! His love for us sin - ners brought  
 gun, in heav - en made whole. The heirs of the king - dom shall



Je - sus we know, and here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.  
 ban - quet to share, and hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.  
 Christ to his cross, our cris - is of judge - ment for gain and for loss.  
 an - swer his call, and all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God All - in - All.

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## The Lord's Prayer

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*All:* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,  
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,  
and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion  
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –  
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true  
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.*

*You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

*One:* Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,  
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

## The Doxology

Steven Mackison

*Priest:* Glory to God,

*All:* **whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Announcements not in “Ministry Updates”

Steven Mackison

# Closing Hymn: "Precious Lord"

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1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me  
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws



stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the  
near, When my life is al - most gone; Hear my  
near, And the day is past and gone; At the



storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light, Take my  
cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall, Take my  
riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my



hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on.  
hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on.  
hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on.

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## The Dismissal

Susan Haig

*Priest:* Go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

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