



Mass Book for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Sunday 29th March 2020 (Year A)
Celebrant & Preacher — The Vicar**

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When the bell rings please STAND and sing the Opening Hymn, NEH 433, vv 1-3,6.

**O WORSHIP the King
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love:
Our Shield and Defender
The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour
And girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.**

**This earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old:
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.**

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**O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise.**

Priest: In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

All: And grant us your salvation.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**All: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

Priest: Let us pray.

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please SIT for the Readings.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (37:12-14)

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Please REMAIN SEATED for the Psalm (Ps 129. R̥ v.7). The Response is:

**℟̥ With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

A reading from the letter of S Paul to the Romans (8:8-11)

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Please STAND and greet the Gospel.

Choir: Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

All: Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Choir: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:
whoever believes in me will never die.

All: Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (11:1-45)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.'

'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please SIT when invited for the homily, then STAND for the Creed and Intercessions.

**All: I believe in one God
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
(all bow during the next three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

**I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The response to the intercessions will be:

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Petitioner: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

All: And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Petitioner: May they rest in peace, **and rise in glory.**

At the end of the intercessions and before a brief time of silence, we ask the prayers of Our Lady, saying:

**All: Hail Mary, full of grace,
 the Lord is with thee:
 blessèd art thou among women,
 and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 pray for us sinners, now,
 and at the hour of our death.**

Please SIT when the Junior Church members return and present their work, then STAND to sing the Offertory Hymn, NEH 383. A collection is taken and the Altar is prepared.

**JESU, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.**

**Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of thy wing.**

**Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am,
Thou art full of truth and grace.**

**Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of thee,
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.**

Priest: Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Priest: Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

The celebrant continues with the Preface until we sing:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Those who are able please KNEEL, otherwise REMAIN STANDING.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

**All: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

At the end of the Eucharistic prayer the celebrant sings:

Priest: Through him and with him and in him,
O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We STAND.

Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: 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.**

Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

All: And with your spirit.

The Sign of Peace is NOT offered, in accordance with the Archbishops' instructions.

**All: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion takes place. Please make your way forward quietly when directed. On returning to your seat please sit and remain silent until we sing the Communion Hymn, NEH 83.

**GLORY be to Jesus,
Who, in bitter pains,
Poured for me the life-blood
From his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal
In that Blood I find;
Blest be his compassion,
Infinitely kind.**

**Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream,
Which from endless torment
Doth the world redeem.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the Blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.**

**Oft as it is sprinkled
On our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
Terror-struck departs.**

**Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Hell with terror trembles,
Heaven is filled with joy.**

**Lift ye then your voices;
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious Blood.**

Please STAND for the Post Communion Prayer.

Priest: Let us pray.

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please SIT when invited for the Notices, then STAND for the Blessing.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: May Almighty God bless you, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Please REMAIN STANDING while the altar party moves to the statue of Our Lady. When they have arrived the Angelus will be sung, during which Father Dane will light a candle in prayer for the parish.

∞ The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;

℟ **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

∞ Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessèd art thou among women, and blessèd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

℟ **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

∞ Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

℟ **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

∞ Hail Mary, full of grace,

℟ **Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

∞ And the Word was made flesh;

℟ **And dwelt among us.**

∞ Hail Mary, full of grace,

℟ **Holy Mary, Mother of God,**

∞ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

℟ **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

∞ Let us pray.

Pour forth we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✠ cross and passion, we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

℟ **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please REMAIN STANDING to sing the Processional Hymn, NEH 90, vv 1,4,5.

O SACRED head, sore wounded,
Defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head surrounded
With mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
The hosts of heaven adore!

In thy most bitter passion
My heart to share doth cry,
With thee for my salvation
Upon the Cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd
To stand thy Cross beneath,
To mourn thee, well-belovèd,
Yet thank thee for thy death.

My days are few, O fail not,
With thine immortal power,
To hold me that I quail not
In death's most fearful hour:
That I may fight befriended,
And see in my last strife
To me thine arms extended
Upon the Cross of life.

Please REMAIN STANDING until the Choir has processed out.

Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued guidance
on Tuesday 17th March.

The guidance stated that all public worship in the Church of England
was suspended with immediate effect.

So there is no public celebration of Mass at St Mary's at present.

Fr Dane intends to celebrate the Mass at 10am each day privately.

The church will open for private prayer during the afternoon each day
and will shut after the ringing of the Angelus at 6pm.

A booklet of devotions for use at home is being developed. If you would like
a copy but haven't received one, please let Fr Dane know.

The Mass Book is sponsored by Richard and family, celebrating Matt's birthday yesterday.

The Offertory Gifts are sponsored by Paula Davies, celebrating her granddaughter Bettie's 9th birthday today and her grandson Zack's 1st birthday on 2nd April.

The Sanctuary Lamp sponsored by Ann Parkes, in memory of her father, Jack.

The Flowers are not sponsored this week.
(*There are no flowers in Church during Lent.*)

Notices

Gwen Luffman's funeral has been moved to **tomorrow, Monday 30th March, at 1pm** at Medway Crematorium, Bluebell Hill. All are invited to pray for Gwen at that time, but attendance at funerals is now being restricted to close family only. It is likely that further restrictions will follow in due course. Fr Dane intends to say a Requiem at 10am on that day and invites everyone to offer their prayers at that time, too.

The St Mary's Parish web site can be found at **www.swanleyparish.org.uk**.

Also online, you can go to **www.justgiving.com/stmarys-swanley** if you wish to give by credit or debit card. You can enhance your donation with Gift Aid if you wish.

Sponsorships for the Mass Book, Offertory Gifts, Sanctuary Lamp, and Flowers, and volunteers for the Coffee Rota: Please fill in next week's entries by noon today, and for future weeks as soon as possible.

If you are on any **rotas**, please ensure that you enter all of your dates in your diary. If you can't be at Church on any of your dates, do arrange to swap with someone on the rota. *Please don't just "not turn up."*

A **coffee morning** is held in the Church Hall every week, on Wednesday morning from 9am to 11am.

Bingo sessions are held in the Church Hall from 1:50pm to 4pm, on alternate Tuesdays.

Dates for your diary

The **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** and **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is scheduled to take place on **Sunday 26th April, after the 10am Parish Mass**. More details can be found in the newsletter.

The **Bishop of Richborough's Canterbury Festival** is planned to take place on **Saturday 16th May**. Full details will be available nearer the time.

Sunday 29th March — Fifth of Lent

Prayer Intention — Our Parish Family

No Mass Today

No Evening Prayer Today

Monday 30th March — Feria

Prayer Intention — A Good and Holy Lent

No Mass Today

Tuesday 31st March — Feria

*Prayer Intention — Workers in the Health and
Emergency Services*

No Mass Today

Wednesday 1st April — Feria

Prayer Intention — The growth of our Church

No Coffee Morning Today

No Mass Today; No Stations of the Cross Today

Thursday 2nd April — Feria

Prayer Intention — The people of Italy

No Mass Today

Friday 3rd April — Feria

Prayer Intention — Vocations to the Sacred Ministry

No Mass Today

No Stations of the Cross Today

Saturday 4th April — Feria

Prayer Intention — The people of Spain

No Mass Today; No Lent Course Today

Sunday 5th April — Palm Sunday

Prayer Intention — Our Parish Family

No Mass Today

No Evening Prayer Today

Pray for the Sick:

George Fitzpatrick, Sheryl Baldwin,
Ashley Roast, Maddy Kelly,
Fr Leon Carberry, John Cain,
John Barber, Lesmes Boyenger,
Tony Hormans, Marie Boswell,
Julia Mortley, Pamela Bartle,
Paula Bandelow, John Volter,
Jane Nicholson, Connie Hatch,
Harry Winfield, Phil Goddard

The Recently Departed:

Robert Corner, Alan Rowstone,
David Chitty, Harry Guy,
Walter Drummond, John Barton, Pr,
Beryl Stephens, Maisie Cheriton,
Joan Thorpe, Carol Hills,
Henry Eastwood, Ronald Seal,
Phoebe Rickman, Rose Morley,
Joan Sherlock, Pamela Saunders,
Gwen Luffman, Peter, Bishop Smith,
Arthur, Allan Buik, Pr

**Those whose Anniversaries are
this Week:**

Sunday 29th March

Nicholas Behr, Pr, Philip White

Monday 30th March

Ronald Vanney, Brian Wright,
John Parkes, Nigel Ashby

Tuesday 31st March

Alice Pilgrim, Joseph Carr

Wednesday 1st April

Helen Smith, Clara Furby,
Rosemary Williams, Sarah Foster,
John Pearce

Thursday 2nd April

Charles Nicholls

Friday 3rd April

Gladys Kirkpatrick, George Barnes,
Eric Bailey, Vincent Merrick

Saturday 4th April

Sarah Snell

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