FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday March 29, 2020

9.15 AM
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your financial support of St. George’s is crucial to our Outreach ministry at this critical time. Please contribute online through our website or at e-giving.stgeorges-maplewood.org.
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We welcome organist, William T. Blue, Jnr.
and alto choir section leader, Vivienne Longstreet,
to St. George’s Church this morning.

HYMN: “We are Marching in the light of God” WLP, #787
light of God, we are marching in the light of, the
nyen’ kwen-khos’, si - ya - hamb’ e - ku - kha - nyen’ kwen, kha -
luz de Dios mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de, la

we are marching in the light of God...
si - ya - hamb’ e - ku - kha - nyen’ kwen - khos’.
mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios.

We are marching
Si - ya - ham - ba
Mar - cha - re - mos

light of God. We are marching, marching, we are
nyen’ kwen-khos’. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
luz de Dios. Mar - cha - re - mos re - mos mar - cha -

Oo we are marching in the light of God_
Oo si - ya - hamb’ e - ku - kha - nyen’ kwen - khos’
Oo mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios_

marching, marching, we are marching in the light of, the
ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb’ e - ku - kha - nyen’ kwen, kha -
re - mos re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de la

marching, we are marching in the light of, God_
ham - ba, si - ya - hamb’ e - ku - kha - nyen’ kwen - khos’_
re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios._
Celebrant
God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth. *John 4:24*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**
*The Celebrant says*
Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*
Celebrant and People

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen

HYMN: “In my life, Lord, be Glorified”

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME #398

Verses 1, 2

1. In my life, Lord, be glorified;
be glorified; In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

2. In my home, Lord, be glorified;
be glorified; In my home, Lord, be glorified today.
From the depths of my soul I have cried to you, God. Please hear my voice. God. Let your ears hear me and listen to what I have to say.

With you, God, there is plenty of mercy and goodness to go around.

If you were to count up everything anyone has ever done wrong, God, who would be left standing?
But you are a forgiving God. And I’m astounded by the forgiveness you offer.
With you, God, there is plenty of mercy and goodness to go around.

I wait for you patiently. My soul waits for you. As I take your word into my heart I can feel the hope. My soul waits for you more anxiously than people who wait for a long, dark night to come to an end.

With you, God, there is plenty of mercy and goodness to go around.

People of God, people of Israel, wait with me for God because I know God has plenty. With God’s help, there is plenty of mercy and goodness and God will bring all of you back into relationship with him.

With you, God, there is plenty of mercy and goodness to go around.

**FIRST READING**

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

God plucked me with his fingers and lifted me up. He set me down in the middle of a valley full of all kinds of bones, which were very dry. God said to me, “Do you think these bones can come back to life?”

I said, “I don’t know, God. You tell me.”

“Tell these bones to listen. Tell them that I will cause breath to enter them so that they might live again. I will put cartilage on them and muscles and skin. And they will live and they will know that I am God.”
So I told them that. And suddenly, I heard rattling as the bones came together into skeletons. And cartilage formed and muscle and skin covered them. But there was still no breath. God said to me, “Say this to the breath, ‘Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these bones that they might come alive.’” And they lived and stood up on their feet. There were a lot of people all of a sudden standing before me. God said, “These bones belong to the whole house of Israel. They think they’re all dried up, and they will have no hope of living again. But say this to them for me, ‘I will open your graves, and bring your people back to life and to the land of Israel. I will breathe my Spirit into you and you will live again as my people in Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord and that I have acted.’”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL  
JOHN 11: 1-45
Lazarus lived with his sisters, Martha and Mary. They were all good friends of Jesus. Lazarus got very sick and his sisters sent word to Jesus that he was sick When Jesus heard this, he said, “I think this sickness will allow God’s glory to show through, even if Lazarus dies.” So Jesus stayed put where he was rather than going to see Lazarus right away. A couple of days later, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s go to Judea.” His disciples said, “But the last time we were there, they tried to stone you. And you want to go back?”
Jesus replied, “We’ve only got so much time on this earth to do good. Lazarus is sleeping and I want to wake him up.” The disciples said, “Well, if he is sleeping, there’s really no reason to go. He’ll be fine.”

Jesus said, “No, I meant that Lazarus has died. I’m glad I wasn’t there when he died, because now I’ve got something, I want to show you so that you can believe. Let’s go.”

Thomas the Twin said to his fellow followers, “Oh well, here we go. Might as well go with him and die with him.”

When they got there, Lazarus had been in his grave for four days. Many people had come to comfort his sisters. Martha heard Jesus had come and ran out to meet him, while Mary stayed at the house. Martha said, “Jesus, if you’d been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. I know now that God will do whatever you ask of him.”

Jesus said, “Martha, you know your brother will rise again.” “Of course, I believe in the resurrection on the last day.” Martha said.

Jesus looked at her and said, “Martha, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will be alive, whether they live or they die. Do you believe this?”

Martha said, “Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the one God has sent into the world, the Messiah.”

She went back and told Mary that Jesus was asking for her. Mary knelt at Jesus’ feet, saying, “Lord, if only you’d been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”
When Jesus saw her crying, and saw that all the people at the house were crying, he felt the deep pain of losing Lazarus to death. The pain shook him to his core. “Where is his grave? Show me.” Jesus said. “Come and see, Lord.” And Jesus started to cry. Some people could see how Jesus had loved his friend Lazarus. Others wondered why, if he could open the eyes of a blind man, he couldn’t have kept Lazarus from dying. Jesus came to the grave, which was in the side of a cave with a big stone rolled against the opening. He told them to roll away the stone. Martha said, “Don’t do that. He’s been in there four days and the smell will be awful.” Jesus said, “Haven’t I told you that if you believed, you would see God’s glory?” So they took the stone away. Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me.” And he yelled really loud, “Lazarus, come out of there!” And the dead man came out, his hands and feet still bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped up. Jesus said to the people around, “Set him free from the cloth that is binding him, and let him go.” Many of the people who saw what happened believed in Jesus after that.

**Homily:**

**Rev. Grant Mansfield**
APOSTLES CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Celebrant The Lord be with you
People And also with you
Celebrant Let us pray

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.

PRAYERS
Help us, O God our Savior;
Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
Look upon your congregation;
Give to your people the blessing of peace.
Declare your glory among the nations;
And your wonders among all peoples.
Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
Never forget the lives of your poor.
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
And your favor to those who are true of heart.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Loving God, sometimes we don’t have the words to pray what we feel in our hearts, but we know that you are with us and that you know when we are troubled or need your help. We pray for ourselves today, that you will be with us in all that we do.

We also pray for those who really need our prayers right now: teachers and friends and family and strangers. May we be kind and generous to everyone, even when others are not so kind and generous to us. Help us to love as you love us.
We ask that you care for those we name now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts...

_The people are invited to say a word of thanks or offer a prayer for some need. We invite you to share those prayers in the comments below so we can all pray together._

Thank you for this new day. May we show your love to everyone we meet. In your holy name we pray. **Amen.**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN: “GO ON YOUR WAY IN JOY, MY FRIENDS”**

Go on your way in joy, my friend.
Go on your way in joy, my friend.
Go on your way in joy, my friend.
Let your left foot sing glory and your right sing amen!
DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Saint George’s Vestry
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