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Good morning everyone

We are blessed to be able to use the service from Father Nigel and his team in the Costa del Sol East. Thank you Father Nigel.

By using the reading/s, prayers and psalms set for today, we are also joining our fellow Christians around the world who will also be praying these words and reading these scriptures at different times and in very different places today – so we join them in praising God and praying for one another... we are never alone!

The Collect for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Praise

(This offering of Praise is set for Prayer During the Day during Lent)

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.

Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us. ~ Anselm (1109)

Today's Gospel reading – John 11:1-45

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,[a] "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[d] had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles[e] 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.[f] 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.

Hymn

(which we were planning to use as our final hymn today):

Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three and God is One;
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.

And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.

Simply to his grace and wholly
light and life and strength belong,
and I love supremely, solely,
him the holy, him the strong.

And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
Holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.

Adoration ay be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

Music: 'Shipston'

<https://youtu.be/F0K3STHs6yo>

Prayers

As people of the living God, let us join together in our prayers for the Church and for the world.

Holy God, breathe your life into the Church. At a time when we are having to discover new ways of 'being Church' we ask that you will inspire those who teach and lead us, that they can help us to worship together even though we are apart. Help us all to be more receptive to your gentleness and your power...

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, breathe your life into our troubled world. We ask that you will breathe right values and responsibility into those whose job it is to make decisions to keep everyone safe and well. Breathe peace and reconciliation, vision and hope into all peoples...

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, breathe your life into our homes. We ask that you will breathe increased patience and understanding into all of us especially those struggling with difficult relationships. Breathe strength into those who live alone and are isolated...

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, breathe your life into those who are suffering at this time, those who are in pain, those who are lonely, those who are afraid. We ask that you will breathe your strength into all those who work to care and to heal...

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, breathe your life into those who have recently died and those who are nearing death. We ask that you will give them courage for the journey and bring comfort to those who have lost loved ones knowing that they will receive the life that lasts forever...

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, breathe your life into us now as we offer you our thanks and praise for your life laid down out of love for us...

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Our Father....

Blessing

May you find in Christ crucified
a strength in times of darkness,
a support in times of weakness,
and the assurance that life is eternal;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, and all those we love and care about, now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn

Which may be new to some of you!

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Words & Music: Stuart Townend (b.1963) & Keith Getty (b.1974)
<https://youtu.be/SkFIUzcGvrE>

A little musical offering to end:
<https://youtu.be/8MKEpXqGko>

Blessings

Vicky
