



St Paul's Hampton

*Growing spiritually and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*

April 2, 2017

5th Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Holy Communion | Book of Common Prayer P67

10:30 am Holy Communion | Book of Alternative Services P185

Collect:

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

This Sunday's Readings:

EZEKIEL 37:1-14 (9am) - *Ezekiel was among those who were exiled when the empire of Babylon first took Jerusalem. In exile, his mission was to preach the word of God to bring new life to dead Israel.*

PSALM 130 - *This is a prayer for deliverance from personal trouble, but it ends with a message to all people.*

ROMANS 8:6-11 - *Paul has written that, as a result of God's love shown in the liberating act of Christ's death and resurrection, we are empowered to live a new life in the Spirit, in which we are free from the ultimate consequences of sin and the finality of death.*

JOHN 11:1-45 - *The raising of Lazarus is the last of the signs presented in the Gospel of John to encourage belief in Christ. It*

points forward to Jesus' own death and resurrection and to the promise of new life for all who believe.

Reflections:

The Gospel this week says that Jesus loved Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus, and yet, it also tells us, that when he heard that Lazarus was sick he didn't come and heal him. Instead, he let Lazarus die. What do you make of this?

How does the Gospel's repeated insistence that Jesus loved Lazarus, though he let him die, make you feel? Is it confusing, or somehow comforting? Is it unsettling, or perhaps a mixture of all three? Why?

How easy do you find it to believe that, as with Jesus and Lazarus, God still loves us in spite of the suffering and loss he allows us to experience?

St Paul's Prayer Corner

Mission of the Month: Hampton High School Pancakes

International: Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias

Diocese: Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

Deanery: Parish of Central Kings: Ven. Robert Marsh, Retired Clergy: Rev. Canon Ed Coleman

Parish: Rev. David & Family, Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

Parishioners: Gale, Jackie, Don, Della, Loretta, Barb, Glenn, Pat, Donald, Dawn, Paul, Sylvia, Erika, Kathy

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