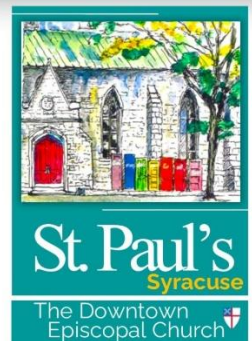




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*Officiant*      O God, make speed to save us.  
*People*            **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### Psalm

Psalm 119: 145-176

145    I call with my whole heart; \*  
        answer me, O LORD, that I may keep your statutes.

146    I call to you;  
oh, that you would save me! \*  
        I will keep your decrees.

147    Early in the morning I cry out to you, \*  
        for in your word is my trust.

148    My eyes are open in the night watches, \*  
        that I may meditate upon your promise.

149    Hear my voice, O LORD, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
        according to your judgments, give me life.

150    They draw near who in malice persecute me; \*  
        they are very far from your law.

151    You, O LORD, are near at hand, \*  
        and all your commandments are true.

152    Long have I known from your decrees \*  
        that you have established them for ever.

153    Behold my affliction and deliver me, \*  
        for I do not forget your law.

154    Plead my cause and redeem me; \*  
        according to your promise, give me life.

- 155 Deliverance is far from the wicked, \*  
for they do not study your statutes.
- 156 Great is your compassion, O LORD; \*  
preserve my life, according to your judgments.
- 157 There are many who persecute and oppress me, \*  
yet I have not swerved from your decrees.
- 158 I look with loathing at the faithless, \*  
for they have not kept your word.
- 159 See how I love your commandments! \*  
O LORD, in your mercy, preserve me.
- 160 The heart of your word is truth; \*  
all your righteous judgments endure for evermore.
- 161 Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, \*  
but my heart stands in awe of your word.
- 162 I am as glad because of your promise \*  
as one who finds great spoils.
- 163 As for lies, I hate and abhor them, \*  
but your law is my love.
- 164 Seven times a day do I praise you, \*  
because of your righteous judgments.
- 165 Great peace have they who love your law; \*  
for them there is no stumbling block.
- 166 I have hoped for your salvation, O LORD, \*  
and have fulfilled your commandments.
- 167 I have kept your decrees \*  
and I have loved them deeply.
- 168 I have kept your commandments and decrees, \*  
for all my ways are before you.
- 169 Let my cry come before you, O LORD; \*  
give me understanding, according to your word.

- 170 Let my supplication come before you; \*  
deliver me, according to your promise.
- 171 My lips shall pour forth your praise, \*  
when you teach me your statutes.
- 172 My tongue shall sing of your promise, \*  
for all your commandments are righteous.
- 173 Let your hand be ready to help me, \*  
for I have chosen your commandments.
- 174 I long for your salvation, O LORD, \*  
and your law is my delight.
- 175 Let me live, and I will praise you, \*  
and let your judgments help me.
- 176 I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; \*  
search for your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **Reading**

*A reading from the Gospel of John (John 10: 22-42)*

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Jews took up stones again to stone Jesus. Jesus replied, "I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?" The Jews answered, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God." Jesus answered, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, you are gods'? If those to whom the word of God came were called 'gods' — and the scripture cannot be annulled — can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, 'I am God's Son'? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the

works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”  
Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands.

He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, “John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” And many believed in him there.

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

## **Canticle**

### **10 The Second Song of Isaiah** (*Quaerite Dominum Isaiah 55:6-11*)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.  
Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;  
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,  
Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,  
So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;  
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Prayers**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer.  
*People* **And let our cry come to you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People Form III**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Offician*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

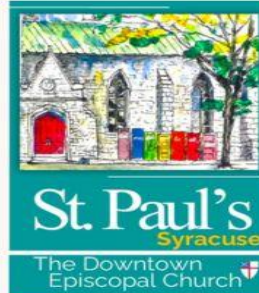
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

**Amen.**    *2 Corinthians 13:14*



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