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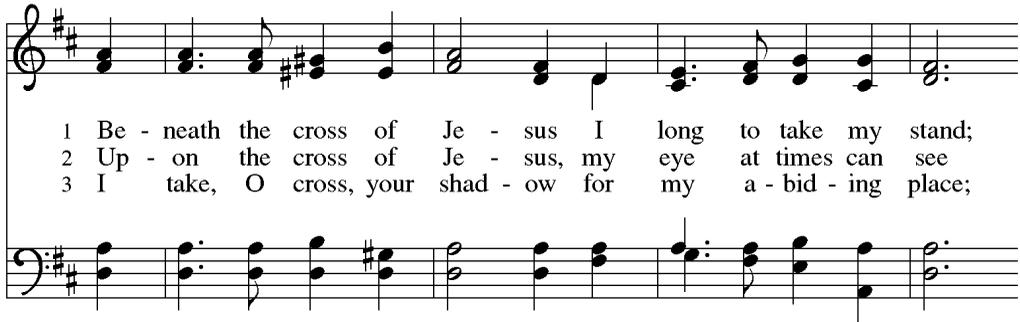
I AM GOING TO MAKE YOU LIVE
AND BREATHE AGAIN.

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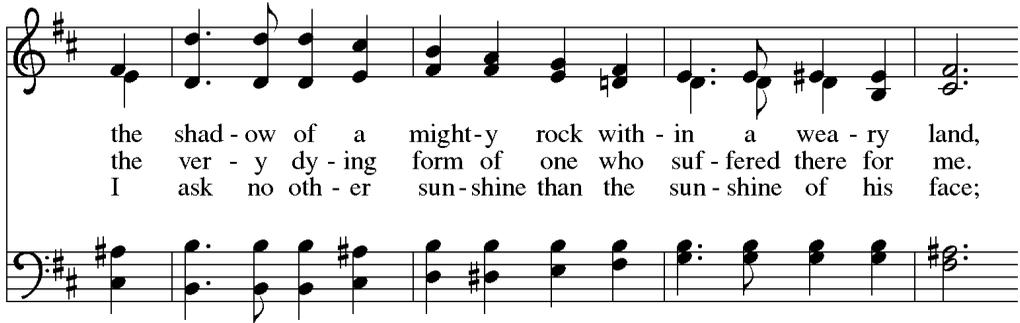
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Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 29, 2020

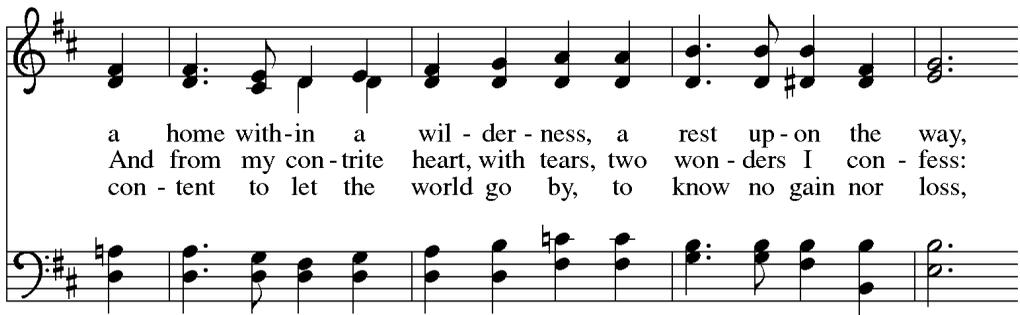
"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 29, 2020

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism, we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the congregation

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

arr. R. Hobby

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Brothers and sisters in Christ, it is in Baptism that we are first reconciled to God, and through Baptism that we hear the call to be reconciled to one another. Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, and marked with the cross of Christ.

We belong to Christ in whom we have been baptized.

Although we are set free to live in love and faithfulness, we continue to turn away from God and from one another. Confessing our sin involves a continuing return to our baptism where our sinful self is drowned and raises us up again to new life in Christ. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness.

In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. (Psalm 51:1,11)

Forgive us for the wrong we have done and for the good we have failed to do toward both you and our neighbor. Send us the grace our spirits need.

Amen

People of God, by water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. Almighty God; Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

Amen

*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"Dry Bones"

arr. Donald Moore

Steve Basselman, Mark Erbskorn, Adam Grisier, Paul Reichert

SECOND READING

Romans 6:3-11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Exodus 34:6, Numbers 14:8, Psalm 103:8, Joel 2:13

Please sing two times



We are turn-ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer-ci-ful and kind,



slow to an-ger, rich in bless-ing, and with love to us in-clined.

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But 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." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"

⁹Jesus 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. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸When 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.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The 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. ³²When 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.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.” ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

“Dying and Rising”

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SONG – “In a Bulb There is a Flower”

- 1 *In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

- 2 *There's a song in ev'ry silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in ev'ry darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

- 3 *In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity;
in our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

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***PROFESSION OF FAITH** – *Apostles Creed and St. Martin’s Mission Statement*

As the people of God building the Welcome Place, we confess the faith of the Church as the values by which we live, the faith in which we welcome all people, the faith in which we baptize.

**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 into hell.**

**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 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**

As a church commanded by our Lord to make disciples of all nations, we confess our mission according to the Word of God. Called to make disciples, we are

Welcoming friends and strangers with God’s love.

Called to teach all that our Lord commanded, we are

Working to build deeper relationships with Jesus.

Called to go out to serve all nations, we are

Witnessing to share God’s love with everyone

As a church led by the biblical vision that we should all be united by our faith and understanding of the Son of God, to become mature, and completely like Jesus (*Ephesians 4:11-13*), we affirm God’s vision for us.

We shall be people serving one real God, living one real faith, making one real difference.

Together we have made profession of this vision grounded in the faith of the Church. In Building the Welcome Place, we pray for the gifts of the Spirit upon us all.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Amen. (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition ends...Lord, in your mercy...hear our prayer.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

*** BENEDICTION**

As you go on your way may Christ go with you.

Christ before you to lead you;

Christ behind you to encourage you;

Christ beside you to befriend you;

Christ above you to watch over you;

Christ within you to give you peace.

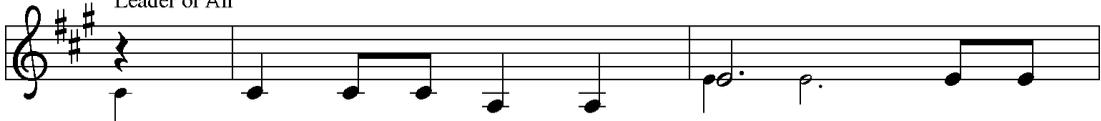
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

***CLOSING HYMN**

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain
All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are: "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day." The first system covers the first two phrases, and the second system covers the third phrase. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

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Please join us on Sunday morning at 9am and Wednesdays at 7pm.

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WORSHIP MATTERS

What changes happen in our worship during Lent? Throughout the “church year” different colors are displayed in the church. Purple was an expensive dye to obtain and the color of royalty. Jesus wore a purple garment when he was ridiculed and beaten before being crucified. Purple is used as the color of Lent, signifying repentance. We also remove the word “Alleluia” from our worship during these weeks and place a strong emphasis on the words of the Kyrie. We who come into Jesus’ healing presence proclaim Kyrie (Lord) eleison (have mercy). We proclaim our faith that Jesus is the only one who can truly help. Our prayer is for peace for ourselves, the whole world, and those gathered for worship as we make this Lenten journey together. This season provides us with a yearly “spring cleaning” of our hearts as we prepare for the celebration of Easter.

Baptismal Renewal + Sundays in Lent

Each Sunday in Lent this year has focused on a specific aspect of the baptismal service. The Confession and Forgiveness that we used each week was specifically crafted to also include this theme. The baptismal font is placed in the front of the chancel as a visual reminder of our baptism throughout this season.

TODAY IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT. In the words of the baptismal liturgy, “*God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in these waters, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life.*” Our creeds affirm not just some immortality of the soul, but rather “the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting,” “the life of the world to come.” Christians trust that God enlivens not only this natural existence, but also a life other than and beyond this world, a new creation after this entire created universe has come to its end. Our life in Christ begins at baptism and extends, by the mystery of God, beyond time and space.

MARCH 1 – THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS + RENOUNCING EVIL

MARCH 8 – NICODEMUS + SEEKING NEW BIRTH

MARCH 15 – WOMAN AT THE WELL + LIVING WATER THAT LASTS

MARCH 22 – MAN BORN BLIND + LIGHT AND NEW SIGHT

TODAY, MARCH 29 – RAISING OF LAZARUS + DYING AND RISING

Week Of 3/15/2020

Operating Contributions	\$3,425.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,402.00
Benevolence Received	\$75.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$538.71
Other Designated income	\$545.00	AS OF 2/29/20	
Total Income	\$4,045.00	YTD Operating Received	\$40,257.36
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$48,527.58)
		Net Income / (Deficit)	(\$8,270.22)

Week of 3/22/2020

Operating Contributions	\$6,267.73	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,402.00
Benevolence Received	\$330.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$538.71
Other Designated income	\$368.00	AS OF 2/29/20	
Total Income	\$6,965.73	YTD Operating Received	\$40,257.36
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$48,527.58)
		Net Income / (Deficit)	(\$8,270.22)

Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP THEMES

In the Baptism liturgy, parents and sponsors make promises to nurture the faith of the young person being baptized. At Confirmation, those baptized young people make that same commitment to continue in the covenant of baptism for themselves. Each of the Wednesdays in Lent will focus on a different part of that baptismal covenant. Our Wednesday series concludes this week.

MARCH 4— *TO LIVE AMONG GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE*

MARCH 11— *TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD & SHARE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER*

MARCH 18— *TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS THROUGH WORD AND DEED*

MARCH 25— *TO SERVE ALL PEOPLE, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS*

APRIL 1— *TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN ALL THE EARTH*

HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER WORSHIP . . . THIS SCHEDULE IS ALL TENTATIVE:

PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 5

Worship, 9:00 am



HOLY WEEK EVENING PRAYER—7:00 PM

April 6, 7, 8

Mark your calendars now. These unique Holy Week services are best experienced as a whole.

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 9, 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 10

Prayer Vigil, 6:00 am—6:00 pm

Good Friday Worship, **7:30** (please note the later time)



RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD + EASTER DAY—APRIL 12

7:00 am—Sunrise Service

10:00 am—Festival Service

