

Welcome to St. John's Church



"The Raising of Lazarus," by Caravaggio, 1571–1610

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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MORNING PRAYER

Choral Prelude *Out of the Deep*

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Text: *Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint. If thou, Lord, should'st be extreme to mark what is done amiss: Lord, who may abide it? But there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for God: in God's word is my trust. My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with God is plenteous redemption. -Psalm 130*

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 666 *Out of the Depths I Call*

1 Out of the depths I call, to God I send my cry; Lord,
2 My soul with pa - tience waits for thee, the liv - ing Lord, my
3 My long - ing eyes look out for thy en - liv - ening ray, more
4 Let Is - rael trust in God; no bounds his mer - cy knows; the

hear my sup - pli - cat - ing voice and gra - cious - ly re - ply.
hopes are on thy prom - ise built, thy nev - er - fail - ing word.
du - ly than the morn - ing watch to spy the dawn - ing day.
plen - teous source and spring from whence re - demp - tion ev - er flows.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.***

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.

Venite S # 3 **Plainsong** *the congregation is invited to join in the song*

1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our

sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God,
 and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth,
 and the strength of the hills is his al - so. 5. The sea is his and he made it,
 and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship and fall down
 and kneel before the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For he is the Lord our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8. O worship
 the Lord in the beauty of ho - li - ness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
 9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge
(Gloria Patri may be added)
 the world and the peoples with his truth. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
 the Ho - ly Spi - rit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

Psalm # 130

the congregation is invited to sit and join in the Refrain

Refrain



With the Lord there is mer - cy and plen - teous re - demp - tion.

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *

O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *

therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *

in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the LORD,

more than watchmen for the morning, *

more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *

for with the LORD there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our first reading the prophet has a vision of the bones of a dead and hopeless people being restored to new life in their homeland.

A Reading from the Scroll of Ezekiel: (37:1-14)

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I

looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

CANTICLE # 16

Song of Zechariah

1. Blest be God, the Lord of Is - rael; he has come to set us free!
 2. God has come in might to save us from the ha - tred of our foes.
 3. God has sworn to grant de - liv - 'rance and re - store us to our place:
 4. Bring the knowl - edge of sal - va - tion to God's peo - ple in their sin.

And a horn of full sal - va - tion he has raised from Da - vid's seed.
 From their cru - el hand he frees us, and his ten - der mer - cy shows
 serv - ing bold - ly in his pres - ence, just and ho - ly all our days.
 Preach that God is ten - der - heart - ed, and by him are sins for - giv'n.

God has vis - it - ed his peo - ple to re - deem them as fore - told
mer - cy prom - ised in his cov - 'nant to our fa - thers whom he chose.
You, my child, will be his Pro - phet, called and sent by God Most High.
His great mer - cy, like the sun - rise, bright - ly shines in deep - est night,
in the prom - ise he had spo - ken thro' his pro - phets from of old.
He will keep his oath to A - br'am to re - lease us from our woes.
You must go be - fore the Lord now to pre - pare his ways a - right,
guid - ing those who sit in dark - ness to the way of peace and light.

dominated by fleshy and worldly things and those in whom Christ lives and are set on the Spirit.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans: (8:6-11)

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn # 457*Thou Art the Way, to Thee Alone*

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;
 2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
 3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;
 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
 thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

INTRODUCTION: The gospel is the story of Jesus' raising of Lazarus from the dead.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John: (11:1-45)

Now 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, "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 had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Laura Daly, *Lay Preacher*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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 Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Suffrages

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. *And grant us thy salvation.*
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. *For only in thee can we live in safety.*
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
V. Let thy way be known on earth;
R. *Thy saving health among all nations.*
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire what that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sunday

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our own hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love thee: for the honor of thy Name. *Amen.*

Offertory Anthem *Bow Down Thine Ear* Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Text: *Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor, and in misery. Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy: my God, save thy servant that putteth their trust in thee. Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I will call daily upon thee. Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.*

Officiant: Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

The General Thanksgiving

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn # 150

Forty Days and Forty Nights

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Forty Days and Forty Nights'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system. The first system has five lines of lyrics, and the second system also has five lines. The lyrics describe the forty days and nights of Jesus' fast and prayer, and the congregation's prayer for his return.

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Congregation departs in silence.

Worship Ministers Today:

Laura Daly: *Lay Preacher*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

Tom Hollinger: *8:00 Officiant*

Jay Bauer: *8:00 Reader*

Rebecca Bent: *10:00 Officiant*

Mary Davis: *10:00 Reader*

Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ)*

Sara Coles, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

Natalie Dyer, Karen Saxe: *Ushers*

MB Witt: *Coffee Hour*