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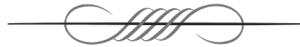
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## The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023



### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

#### Prelude

#### Procession to the Altar

**Hymn #150** *Forty days and forty nights*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of  
bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the  
Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your  
neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O  
Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the  
Lord your God with all your heart, with all your  
soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.  
The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.  
There is no other commandment greater than  
these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our  
neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have  
sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left  
undone. We have not loved you with our whole  
heart; we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly  
repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may  
delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to  
the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all  
your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen  
you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy  
Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Said three times*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

## A Reading from 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, "Prophesy 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, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, 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 prophesy, 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 130

- 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.

## A Reading from 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn #508 vss. 1, 2** *Breathe on me*

## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John**

(11:1-45)

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn #508 vss. 3,4** *Breathe on me*

**The Sermon**

*Silence for reflection*

## **The Nicene Creed** (Standing, as able.)

We believe in one God, **the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son). With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***

## **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, all are created in your image; help us to honor you by loving one another.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

*(When receiving the microphone, please pray a paragraph. When completed, pass the microphone to another congregant who will read the next paragraph. Do not worry about pronunciations. God knows what we are praying!)*

You challenge the powers and principalities of the world. We pray for our president, our congress, our courts and all who are in authority.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You sent the prophets of old; inspire your church to prophetically seek justice, peace, and truth.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Lord Jesus, you gave to the Apostles the continuation of your ministry; bless all who minister in your church.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You bind us together into One Body. We pray for your Holy Catholic Church; the Anglican Communion, especially the Dioceses of Rokon - (Sudan), Rorya - (Tanzania), Ruaha - (Tanzania), Ziwa (Lake) Rukwa - (Tanzania), Rumbek - (Sudan), Rumonge - (Burundi), and The Anglican Church of South America; our diocese, especially Trinity, Seattle; Church of the Apostles, Seattle; and our parish.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You called each of us to take up the cross; deepen our faith and strengthen our resolve to follow in your steps.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You forgave the thief on the cross; bring us all to penitence and reconciliation.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You were rich yet for our sake you became poor; move us to share generously.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You lived as an exile in Egypt; protect and comfort all who are alone, isolated, fearful, or victimized.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You come in our midst as the Prince of Peace. We pray for peace and an end of violence, hatred, and terrorism in every heart and every land. We pray for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially for those we now name....

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

You healed by your touch and word; bless all through whom your healing gifts are given and bless all of those on our prayer list, and those in our hearts, praying especially for Lyn, Areewa, Marisa, Rico, Saray, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Milana, Jackie, Elianny, Glen, Gary, Marilyn, Justin & Kendra, Alex, Janae, Jeanne, Travon, Debbie, Cindy, Scott, Mike, Kim, Mike, Michele, Bob, Leanne, Garry, Nancy, Emerson, Dan, Nadia, Peyton, Samanda, Lee, Marie, and for those we now name...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially those we now name...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, you touched the lives of innumerable saints; embrace the faithful departed, especially Xana Beimler (*pronounced Zana Bem-ler*), Ed Chan, Bea Stensrud (*pronounced Bee Stens-rood*), and those we now name...

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(The last person who prays returns the microphone to the stand by the front pew.)*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom in our Lenten fast. Mercifully grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his rising from the tomb; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

### Offertory

*Our Sunday loose cash offerings go to our Emergency Aid Fund, which directly serves families and individuals in need within our community. Your generosity makes saying "yes" to those who need help the most possible.*



## The Great Thanksgiving – D

[Please see Book of Common Prayer, pg. 372]

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks...

*Celebrant and People*

## Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*  
We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power....  
...we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy...

...through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

## Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day 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 forever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*All persons are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion in one or both of the elements or receive a blessing.*

*Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail. If you have yet to be baptized and are interested in learning more about this sacrament, please see one of the clergy following the liturgy.*

*If you do not wish to come forward for Communion or a blessing, or if you are attending the liturgy virtually, you are invited to pray the following from The St. Augustine's Prayer Book.*

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Solemn Prayer over the People**

*Celebrant*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Procession to the Neighborhood**

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,

who abide in this shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

*Refrain*

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield.

*Refrain*

For to the angels God's given a command,  
to guard you in all of your ways,  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*Refrain*

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## **St. Matthew Mission Statement**

**To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

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