

Holy Eucharist

March 26, 2023

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent Year A

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Prelude

At the sound of the bells, all stand as they are able for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.

A Penitential Order

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The first system of music covers the first three lines of lyrics. The second system of music covers the remaining lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heav - en - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

The people kneel as they are able.

The Decalogue: the Ten Commandments

Hear the commandments of God to God's 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.

Confession of Sin

The People remaining kneeling as they are able, the Presider says

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

The Presider 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.**

All stand as they are able

Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy

Hymnal S-91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

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.

and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.”¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Psalm 130

to be prayed in unison

- 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.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

LEVAS 106

Precious Lord, take my hand

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; _____
 near, when my life is al - most gone; _____
 near, and the day is past and gone; _____

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 — hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
 — at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on. _____
 fall, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on. _____
 hand, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on. _____

All remain standing as they are able.

Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **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.



Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All sit.

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**
**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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Brothers and sisters, children of God, confident that, with our hearts set on the glorious act of redemption revealed by God's beloved One, we receive the gift of new life, we offer our prayers and respond, "Kyrie eleison."

Intercessor Bless all the people of St Barnabas in their many ministries. We pray that the arms of Christ will reach into our spiritual tombs, releasing us from the fires of sin and division, of death and despair, and set our eyes upon the eighth day of our inheritance; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

That the breath of God may rush into the hearts of all the faithful, filling them with respect for the wisdom of their forebears, and the courage to walk where their feet had never trod; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

Just as Jesus' disciples, Martha and Mary, remained faithful followers, help us to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers. Let us pray; **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

For the healing of our environment, and for the vision to see ourselves as a global community, interdependent, economically woven, spiritually bonded, technologically linked, and physically united; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

For all who are preparing for Holy Week and the Great Paschal Feast of Easter, especially musicians, altar guilds, church staff, and clergy, that their efforts may inspire our participation; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

In thanksgiving for our life together, our persistence in listening to the divine word, and our commitment to proclaim the life-giving love of God [and especially for _____]; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

For the unemployed, and all those who live with financial anxiety; for children born into poverty, and those whose wealth does not buy contentment; for those in troubled marriages and the lonely who suffer in silence; that all may be held by the risen Christ, who broke through the walls of darkness, let us join in praying today. We pray especially for the sick and the troubled [_____]; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

For those who have died in the faith of Christ, [especially _____], that they may reside in paradise; let us pray. **Kyrie eleison.**

Silence is kept.

Presider For what other people or situations shall we pray today?

Loving God, you break into our mortal loneliness by your coming among us. You clothe the dry bones of our lives with the flesh of your new creation, and from our fearful tombs you call us to come out and live unbound; through the power of Christ's resurrection, in whose strong name we pray. **Amen.**

Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People then greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy*

S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider and People

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them + by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us + also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

Hymnal S-164

The image shows a musical score for the Fraction Anthem. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Presider then says

Lord our God, give us the grace to remember that we are all one body, because we all share in Christ's love and life. For those of us who cannot gather at this altar today, may we remember that we are fully beloved, that God dwells in each of our hearts. For those of us who are present at this altar, may we remember that we are connected far beyond this time and place with all those who pray.

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

When all have received, and the Table is cleared, the Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,**

**and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

As our arms grown stronger, Lord, make our hearts deeper.
As our world grows smaller, Lord, make our hearts larger.
As our neighbor grows colder, Lord, make our hearts softer.
May we be men and women who make beloved community,
with songs of love and grace, through Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

tune: New Britain

Hymnal 547

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death

The musical score is written in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

A- wake, O sleep- er, rise from death, and
 There is one Bod- y and one hope, one
 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who
 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and

Christ shall give you light, so learn his love— its
 Spi- rit and one call, one Lord, one Faith, one
 - died that he might save; with kind and gen- tle
 con- quered in the strife. A- wake, a- rise, go

length and breadth, its full-ness, depth, and height.
 Bap-tism, one Fa-ther of us all.
 hearts for-give as God in Christ for-gave.
 forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Dismissal

Minister My brothers and my sisters, in joy let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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This week in prayer

Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:

Our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)
and for all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

March 26 The Anglican Church of South America

Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:

March 26 St John’s, Howell, St Stephen’s, Hamburg; Church of the Transfiguration, Bani, Dominican Republic

St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer: Jim, Mardi, Drake

and our continuing prayers for: Carlos, Robert, Selenah

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. *The most recent most-needed items* are: baked beans, coffee, hamburger (or other) helper, spaghetti sauce, cereal, 64-oz fruit juices, crackers, and laundry soap. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let [Nancy](#) know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with “St Barnabas” on the memo line. The **Food and CHS Student Gift Cards In-Gathering** is April 16, 2023. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

- March 26 Harriet Monsell, Monastic, 1883; and, Richard Allen, Bishop, 1831
27 Charles Henry Brent, Bishop, 1929
28 James Solomon Russell, Priest, 1935
29 John Keble, Priest & Poet, 1866
30 Innocent of Alaska, Bishop, 1879
31 John Donne, Priest & Poet, 1631
April 1 Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, 1872

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Compline for Lent will be offered at 7:00 pm on March 29 via [Zoom](#). **If you would be willing** to serve this last service as the People's Respondent, please let [Amma Marion](#) know ASAP. **Link:** <<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84705384925?pwd=eHgyRO9ET29xb0xvSWcvblIPbmN6dz09>> Meeting ID: **847 0538 4925** Passcode: **271318**

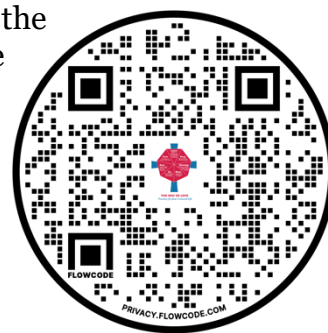
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March 26, 2023 – Lent 5 Week 5: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil

readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at iam.ec/lifetransformed or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Week 5

Sunday, March 26

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 5. The topic is based on the practice "Rest" and is titled, "The Valley of Dry Bones".

Read: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Monday, March 27

Today's Prompt: What seminal moments have informed a need to return to Christ?

Read: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." - Psalm 51:10

Tuesday, March 28

Today's Prompt: How has this Way with God impacted your experience of God?

Read: "Let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" - John 7:38

Wednesday, March 29

Today's Prompt: Slowly read this passage aloud. How does this speak to the world today?

Read: "As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him." - Matthew 4:18-22

Thursday, March 30

Today's Prompt: What relationships do you need to mend?

Read: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are 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." - Isaiah 55:8-9

Friday, March 31

Today's Prompt: Where might God be asking you to take your great love into the world?

Read: "You have heard; now see all this; and will you not declare it? From this time forward I make you hear new things, hidden things that you have not known." - Isaiah 48:6b

Saturday, April 1

Today's Prompt: What are you thankful for?

Read: "For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope." - 1 Chronicles 29:15

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