

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



March 29, 2020

10:30 a.m.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

LEVAS II 189

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord un - to me!

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960) Music: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship

Officiant Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Officiant Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Officiant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Officiant Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God of all consolation and compassion, your Son comforted the grieving sisters Martha and Mary; your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair and death with the hope of resurrection, and faith in the One who called Lazarus forth from the grave.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

said together

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.**

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.**

GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

The Inclusive New Testament

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a certain man named Lazarus, who was sick. He and his sisters, Mary and Martha, were from the village of Bethany. Mary was the one who had anointed the feet of Jesus with perfume and dried his feet with her hair, and it was her brother Lazarus who was sick. The sisters sent this message to Jesus: "Rabbi, the one who you love is sick."

When Jesus heard this, he said, "This sickness will not end in death; it is happening for God's glory, so that God's Only Begotten may be glorified because of it."

Jesus loved these three very much. Yet even after hearing that Lazarus was sick, he remained where he was staying for two more days. Finally he said to the disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

They protested, "Rabbi, it was only recently that they tried to stone you—and you want to go back there again?"

Jesus replied, "Aren't there twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk by day don't stumble, because they see the world bathed in light; those who go walking by night will stumble, because there is no light in them."

After Jesus said this, he said to the disciples, "Our beloved Lazarus has fallen asleep. I am going to Judea to wake him."

The disciples objected, "But Rabbi, if he's only asleep, he'll be fine."

Jesus had been speaking about Lazarus' death, but they thought he was talking about actual sleep. So he said very plainly, "Lazarus is dead! For your sakes I am glad that I wasn't there, that you might come to believe. In any event, let us go to him."

Then Thomas, "the Twin," said to the rest, "Let's go with Jesus, so that we can die with him."

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Since Bethany was only about two miles from Jerusalem, many people had come out to console Martha and Mary about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary stayed at home with the mourners.

When she got to Jesus, Martha said, "If you had been here, my brother would never have died! Yet even now, I am sure that God will give you whatever you ask."

"Your brother will rise again!" Jesus assured her. Martha replied, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her, "I am the Resurrection, and I am Life: those who believe in me will live, even if they die; and those who are alive and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

“Yes!” Martha replied. “I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, God’s Only Begotten, the One who is coming into the world.”

When she had said this, Martha went back and called her sister Mary. “The Teacher is here, asking for you,” she whispered.

As soon as Mary heard this, she got up and went to him. Jesus hadn’t gotten to the village yet. He was at the place where Martha had met him. Those who were there consoling her saw her get up quickly and followed Mary, thinking she was going to the tomb to mourn. When Mary got to Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “If you had been here, Lazarus never would have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the other mourners as well, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions.

“Where have you laid him?” Jesus asked.

“Come and see,” they said. And Jesus wept.

The people in the crowd began to remark, “See how much he loved him!” Others said, “He made the blind person see; why couldn’t he have done something to prevent Lazarus’ death?”

Jesus was again deeply moved. They approached the tomb, which was a cave with a stone in front of it. “Take away the stone,” Jesus directed.

Martha said, “Rabbi, it has been four days now. By this time there will be a stench.”

Jesus replied, “Didn’t I assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took the stone away.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, “Abba, thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd, that they might believe that you sent me!”

Then Jesus called out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

And Lazarus came out of the tomb, still bound hand and foot with linen strips, his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus told the crowd, “Untie him and let him go free.”

Many of those who had come to console Martha and Mary, and saw what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey

CREED

BCP 358

Officiant In the words of those who have come before us, let us profess our faith.

All **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

adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*
and “A Litany Amidst the COVID-19 Outbreak” by Michael Kurth

Reader Most merciful God, we come to you in this time of anxiety and uncertainty surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19. We grieve the havoc it is wreaking on our lives, and we grieve that we cannot gather together physically, yet we know that you are with us and that you unite us through your Holy Spirit. In peace, let us pray, saying, “Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

For Christ Church and every congregation throughout the world, that we give you praise and place our trust in you, becoming beacons of hope, faith, and love. Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For the leaders of our church, Michael our Presiding Bishop; for Bonnie our bishop; for Emily, David, and Anthony our priests; for Chip our deacon; and for all who minister: fortify them to be faithful pastors, to persevere in prayer, and to build up the family of God in new and creative ways. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those in authority, especially Donald our president, Gretchen our governor, Michael our mayor, and leaders throughout the world: help them to make sound decisions to best secure our safety and the future of our planet. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For first responders; for doctors, nurses, and hospital staff; for service industry workers and those forced to work as their community shuts down; for those experiencing financial loss and uncertainty of wages: keep them safe, grant them strength and hope, and provide for them daily bread and wage. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For those directly infected with the virus, for those at high risk, for those in quarantine, for the marginalized, for the poor, and for all who suffer in any way, especially *Barbara Baseley, Jocelyn Burrell, David Dieter, Charles Hawkins, Emily Hill, Joe Miller, Pamela Moore, Carl Pfadt, George Port, Len St. Jean, Jason Thomas, Mimi Van Scoter, Carol Ann Watson.* (People add names silently or aloud.)

Help them recover in good health, and restore them in body, mind, and spirit. Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader For the gifts of joy, wonder, and love, which we savor and celebrate especially in times of struggle. We pray especially for those having birthdays this week: *Donovan Shabby, Sally LePla, Cathy Berlage, Joanne Clark, Sally Wheeler, Gwen Ald, Cassandra Pettiford-Landsberg, Tom Solomon, Richard Esse, Christian Warner.* (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

People We pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Reader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. We remember especially Gary Brown, Graham Davis, all who have died from COVID-19, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

People Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Officiant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Officiant 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.

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

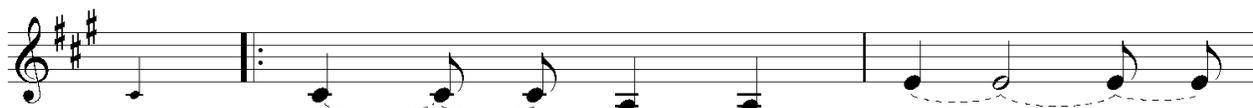
ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

BCP 377

Officiant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

All are encouraged to make a gift toward Christ Church's ministries and mission to be a beacon of hope at christcd.org/online-giving, or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.



1 I am the bread of life; they who
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and
 4 I am the life. They who be -
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.
 5 come in - to the world.

Descant

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. 5 Yes, day.

last day. 2 The
3 Un- day.
4 —
5 Yes,
(?)

Final Ending

The descant may be sung after stanzas 4 and 5.

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LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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.**

BLESSING

Officiant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ABOUT THE MUSIC AND ART

The cover art, called “Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life” (1973), is based on today’s Gospel reading and is from a collection called *Vie de Jesus Mafa* (Life of Jesus Mafa). French Catholic missionary François Vidil worked with Mafa Christian communities in Cameroon to create this catalogue of paintings that depict the life of Jesus as set in Cameroon. Vidil formed a team of local church leaders, theologians, and artists, who spent time in Mafa communities, read Bible passages together, and invited people to act out the stories. The team photographed and sketched the dramatic interpretations, which then were rendered into paintings. “Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life” is reprinted with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University.

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