

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

Prelude

Lenten Hymn Settings

David Cherwien

Processional Hymn

Come. Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

H512

- 1 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, with light and comfort from above;
be thou our guardian, thou our guide o'er every thought and step preside.
- 2 The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose thy way;
plant holy fear in every heart, that we from thee may ne'er depart.
- 3 Lead us to Christ, the living way, nor let us from his precepts stray;
lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
- 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share fullness of joy for ever there;
lead us to God, our final rest, to be with him for ever blest.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
All **His mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant 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.

Deacon God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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.**

Celebrant 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 **Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us** **S91**

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **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 forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson Ezekiel 37: 1-10

Lay reader: A reading from 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, "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, 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...The Word of the Lord...

All 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.

The Second Lesson Romans 8: 6-11

Lay reader: A reading from the book of 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...The Word of the Lord...

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Abide With Me

H662

- 1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord with me abide:
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
3. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.
4. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel: John 11: 17-27, 38-45

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When Jesus arrived at Bethany, 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. Now 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."

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.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Gary Nicolosi

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: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader During this Lenten Season, we pray to you, O Lord, to shed your light upon us, renew your Church and heal our world.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. We pray especially for guidance in calling a new Vicar.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Enlighten all bishops, priests and deacons with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their preaching and living they may show forth your truth and love to all people. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, Gary our Priest and Debra our Deacon.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Rule the hearts of your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of Arizona, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, love mercy and humbly walk in your ways.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Grant to all nations unity, peace and concord, and to all people give dignity, food and shelter.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth, all young children, and comfort the aged, the bereaved, and the lonely. Defend and provide for the mentally and the physically challenged, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

People **Lord, have mercy,**

Leader Heal those who are sick in body and mind, give skill and compassion to all who care for them, and receive into your presence those who have died in the faith of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

People **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Song

Let There Be Peace on Earth (*text located on the inside of the hymnal back cover*)

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Please sit, stand or kneel for the Eucharistic prayer.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

Rest Thou With Me

Rob Roy Perry

THE DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye, Heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is a right and a good and a 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Sanctus S127

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

**We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. The wine will be offered by intinction, which means that you may dip the wafer into the small cup of wine offered by the Deacon. Please do not put your fingers in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, just receive the wafer and return to your seat. The Church teaches that you receive the full Christ in either the bread or wine. There is no requirement to receive both. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Music

Lord Jesus, Think On Me

David Cherwien

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Communicant **Amen.**

Deacon The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Communicant **Amen.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **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 the 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

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support in hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

H495

- 1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.
- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.
- 3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.
- 4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive;
highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Bicinium on "In the Hour of Trial"

Charles Callahan

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Family & Friends Prayer List

Severdia family for comfort and strength
 June Slorodnik and son
 Bob Black for healing
 Stoney Stonewall Bird for health and healing
 Paula Erwin-Yoder for health and healing
 S. Volentine's friends Bob, Pat & Jeff

The above name will stay on this list for up to four weeks. If someone needs to remain on this list for a longer period, or to have others added to this list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing List

Robo Brumder
 Becky Thomas
 Debra Loder's friend Nancy
 Hartley Bennett
 Maureen Freed
 Jackie Brown
 Gordon, Sandy Schlegel, Betty Hanson
 Paul and Linda Campbell
 All first responders
 All Healthcare workers
 All funeral directors and staff



Military Prayer List

All members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas

U.S. Air Force	Colby	Harlan
	KayLee	Thomas
U.S. Army	Andrew	
U.S. Navy	Caleb	Landon
	McKenzie	
U.S. Marines	Tyler	

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom;

Sunday, March 26 Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

Acolyte	Allison Nicolosi
Altar Guild	Mary Piccinini
Lector	Linda Brockwell
Usher	John Carr
Bishop's Committee	Linda/Sam

Sunday, April 2 Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

Acolyte	Allison Nicolosi
Altar Guild	Dave Loder
Lector	Kathleen O'Hagan
Usher	Linda Brockwell
Bishop's Committee	Linda/Sam



Announcements

Coffee Hour - ECW

Upcoming:

3/26 Project SALT Luncheon
 4/02 Palm Sunday
 4/06 Maundy Thursday Service 5:30
 4/07 Good Friday service at NOON
 4/09 Easter Brunch 9:00
 4/09 Easter Service
 4/09 BCM Meeting 11:30
 4/11 ECW Meeting

Our beloved Jackie, "May Angels fly with you wherever you roam and guide you back safely to family and home." Funeral Saturday, April 1, 2023 @ 1 pm. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Reminding everyone that *Adult Forum* at 9:15 offers a series of *Lenten Devotionals*. See the Lenten Calendar for details additional Adult Forums and Stations of the Cross.

Project SALT Food for 4/02: Peanut butter and jelly



The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall

Bishop

The Rev. Debra Loder

Deacon

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