

St. John's Lutheran Church

Fifth
Sunday
in Lent
Sunday,
March 29,
2020



PREPARING OUR HEARTS

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all time,
**forgive us our false busyness,
the busyness we manufacture to make us seem important,
the busyness we invent to keep us from ourselves,
the busyness in which we hide because we fear to stand still,
to be alone, or even to meet you.**



God of all hope,
**forgive us our hopelessness,
our bondage to an imagined glorious past,
our cynicism regarding the good in others,
our weird talent for spotting the problem before the potential. Kyrie...**

God of all love,
**forgive our grudging compassion,
our unquestioning affection for what seems safe,
and all our lusts, especially those we pretend are heartfelt longings. Kyrie...**

God of all time, hope, and love,
**recreate us until we live looking more to Christ than to the clock,
walk by the light without being obsessed with the darkness,
and in all our loving seek to credit and never shame
the one in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. in the name of Jesus Christ, + your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

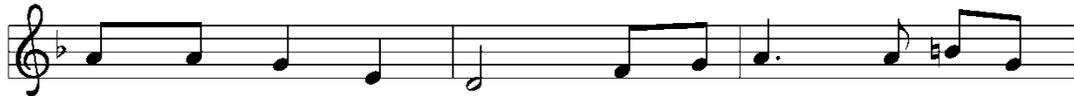
PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 334

“Tree of Life”



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

Canon Refrain



1. A - do - ra - mus te Chri - ste, a - do - ra - mus te Chri - ste,



3. a - do - ra - mus te Chri - ste, a - do - ra - mus Chri - ste.

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

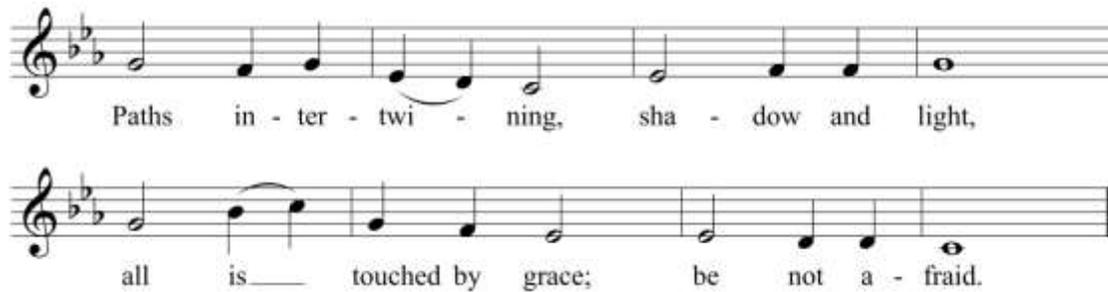
In the First Lesson:

Ezekiel’s vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God’s life-giving spirit.

Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that “I am the Lord.”

GOSPEL VERSE

“Paths Intertwining”



Words and Music by Colin Harrison

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 11:1-45

In the Gospel Lesson:

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

GOD’S INVITATION: “Let the Children Come...”

Matthew 19:14

SERMON

PASTOR AMY FIGG LEY



MUSICAL REFLECTION

“When You Prayed Beneath the Trees”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- A: God of life, bind your faithful people into one body. Enliven the church with your Spirit and bless the work of those who work for its renewal. Accomplish your work of salvation in us and through us, for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great...**
- A: God of life, you love the world you have made and you grieve when creation suffers. Restore polluted lands and waterways. Heal areas of the world ravaged by storms, floods, wildfires, droughts, or other natural disasters. Bring all things to new life. Hear us, O God.
- A: God of life, show redemption to all who watch and wait with eager expectation: those longing for wars to cease, those waiting for immigration paperwork to finalize, those seeking election, and those in dire need of humanitarian relief. Come quickly with your hope. Hear us, O God.
- A: God of life, you weep with those who grieve. Unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, or pain. Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle, and keep us faithful in prayer. Hear us, O God.
- A: God of life, we give thanks for opportunities for this congregation to collaborate with our community in caring for the needs of our neighbors. Strengthen our ties with other local congregations, agencies, and services. Hear us, O God.
- A: God of life, you are our resurrection. We remember all those who have died and trust that, in you, they will live again. Breathe new life into our dry bones, that we, too, might live with you forever. Hear us, O God.
- A: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

Those Remembered in Prayer:

*Sandy Bender, Richard Bender, Connie Burkhalter, Linda Cash, Odessa Clark,
Mary Gagle, Al Gill, Steve Kyle, Nicole Kajitani Leatherwood,
Bill Lawhon, Brad Long, Nancy Maland, Wilma Miller, Nancy O'Callaghan,
Cam Ogle, Mary Elizabeth Peterson, Owen Peterson, Don Ray,
Keith Solt, Yvette Solt, Kristi Woods,
our seminarians: Emilie Casey, Robin Lovett, Ashton & Jennifer Roberts,
Isaac Taylor and Will Wing, & the students, staff, &
mentors at Christenberry Elementary school.*

Completed Life

*Jean Gregory, mother of Cindy Krusenklau
Joan Olcott, mother of Nancy Friedrich*

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name. Thy
king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this
day our dai-ly bread, and for - give us as we for-give our debt-ors; and
lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us from e - vil; for
Thine is the king-dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

Text: adapt. John Tirro

Tune: John Tirro

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BENEDICTION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

CLOSING HYMN ELW 666

"What Wondrous Love is This"

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE