



## Liturgy for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

Trinity Church in Menlo Park

*An Episcopal Community*

Prelude Music

*Prelude from Cello Suite No. 2 in D Minor*  
Cyrus Behroozi, cello

J.S. Bach

### Opening Sentences

*Presider* We gather in the Name of God: Creator, and Sustainer of all Life.

*Response* We proclaim Christ as Creation's Host, and the One who frees us from our sins.

*(The following is sung three times)*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #102 The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: *Trisagion*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

*Response* And also with you.

*Presider* 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.*

## The First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Reader*        A Reading from the First Book of 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.

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

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 130

*Reader*        Let us read Psalm 130 together, 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.

Taize Chant

*(sung several times together)*

My soul is at rest  
(Psalm 62)

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A Dm ASUS A Dm C F C Dm A Dm

My soul is at rest in God a-lone, my sal - va - tion comes from God. My

The Gospel: John 11:1-45

*Priest* The Holy Gospel according to John.

*Response* *Glory to you, O 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.

*Priest*            This is the Gospel of Christ.

*People*            Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – The Rev. Aaron Klinefelter

## A Faithful Affirmation

*Presider* Let us proclaim together the faith of the church in these words:

*(All Say Together)*

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;  
In the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,  
Conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.  
We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.  
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action and into vulnerability.  
We commit ourselves to work for change;  
to bear responsibility;  
to take risks;  
to live powerfully;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life;  
and to be agents of the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

## Taize Chant

*(sung several times together)*

### Bless the Lord

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The musical score for 'Bless the Lord' is written in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo of quarter note = 76. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The first system covers the lyrics 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system covers 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A in the first system; and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm in the second system. The piece begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic.

## Prayers of the People

*Presider* Let us offer the prayers for all God's people.

*Leader* Creator God, you make all things and weave them together in an intricate tapestry of life. Teach us to respect the fragile balance of life.

*Response* *God, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* Guide by your wisdom those who have power and authority, that, by the decisions they make, all life may be cherished and the Earth show forth your glory.

*Response* *God, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* We pray for the church in all its diverse forms, that together, we who seek to follow Jesus may seek to be his hands and heart in caring for one another and for all of creation.

*Response* *God, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* Give us wisdom and reverence for all who share this planet with us, and whose lives make possible our own.

*Response* *God, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, that they may be delivered from their distress. Remember the isolated and the lonely, and those living with fear. Comfort and heal the sick.

*Response* *God, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* Give your wisdom and compassion to health care workers, that they may minister to the sick and dying with knowledge, skill, and kindness, and uphold them in the difficult work they are undertaking. Uphold all those who keep watch with the sick, and guide those who search for the causes and cures of sickness and disease.

*Response* *God, hear our prayer.*

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Comfort those who mourn, that they may find peace in your love.

*Response* *God, hear our prayer.*

*Presider* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*(Names and intentions are offered from our prayer list)*

*The Presider adds a concluding collect:*

Gracious 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, now and for ever. *Amen*

## Confession of Sin

*Presider*

Siblings in the faith, not out of dread or fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

*All say together,*

Eternal God, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks. But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.

*Presider*

Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: Your sins are forgiven. Forgive others, forgive yourself. Dwell in peace. *Amen.*

## The Peace

*Presider*      The Peace of Christ be always with you.

*Response*     *And also with you.*

## Announcements

### Anthem

*Panis Angelicus*

César Franck

Eric Levintow, tenor

Cyrus Behroozi, cello

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider*      Let us pray now in the words that Jesus has taught us:

*(All say together)*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, you will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today 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, and the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### A Reflection for this Season

*And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.*

*And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.*

*And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.*

-- Kitty O'Meara

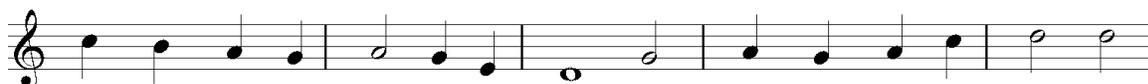


Closing Hymn: What Wondrous Love is This

The Hymnal 1982 - #439 What wondrous love is this



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
3 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 that  
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay 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.

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835 Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

The Blessing

*The Presider offers a closing blessing.*

The Dismissal

*Clergy* Let us bless the Lord.

*Response* Thanks be to God.