



## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 29, 2020

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### Responsive Prayer 2

#### Prelude and Ringing of the Tower Bell

#### Opening Versicles

*LSB 285*

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your  
praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
will be forever. Amen.

#### 433 Glory Be to Jesus

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,  
Who in bitter pains  
Poured for me the lifeblood  
From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal  
In that blood I find;  
Blest be His compassion,  
Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages  
Be the precious stream  
Which from endless torment  
Did the world redeem!

- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance  
Pleaded to the skies;  
But the blood of Jesus  
For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood!

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### Psalm 130

- <sup>1</sup>Out of the depths  
I cry to you, O LORD!
- <sup>2</sup>O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- <sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?
- <sup>4</sup>But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.
- <sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;
- <sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- <sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.
- <sup>8</sup>And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

### Romans 8:1-11

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he

condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

<sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### John 11:1-45

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

<sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you

going there again?”<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.<sup>10</sup> But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.”<sup>11</sup> After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.”<sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”<sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep.<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died,<sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”<sup>16</sup> So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.<sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,<sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.<sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.<sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”<sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where

Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”

<sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

# O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life

sts. 1, 9-10, 4



1 O Christ, who shared our mor - tal life And  
 2 Two weep - ing sis - ters, worn by grief And  
 3 "I am the Lord of life and death!" You  
 4 Death's pow - er holds us still in thrall And



end - ed death's long reign, Who healed the sick and  
 mired in depths of gloom, Stood watch - ing where their  
 an - swered Mar - tha's cry, "And all who hear and  
 bears us toward the tomb. Death's dark - 'ning cloud hangs



raised the dead And bore our grief and pain: We  
 broth - er lay With - in a rock - sealed tomb. When,  
 trust My Word Shall live, al - though they die!" You  
 like a pall That threat - ens earth with doom. But



know our years on earth are few, That death is al - ways near.  
 Lord, You met them as they mourned, You wept com - pas - sion's tear;  
 walked the path to Laz - 'rus' tomb, You called him forth by name,  
 You have bro - ken death's em - brace And torn a - way its sting.



Come now to us, O Lord of Life; Bring hope that con - quers fear!  
 But Mar - tha, sore with sor - row, said, "He'd lived had You been here!"  
 And liv - ing, lov - ing once a - gain, From death to life he came!  
 Re - store to life our mor - tal race! Raise us, O Ris - en King!

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## Sermon Text: Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon 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."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and

behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’” <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

## Sermon

## “Take A Breather”

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*



Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones

## 468 I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives

- 1 I am content! My Jesus ever lives,  
In whom my heart is pleased.  
He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,  
God's wrath He has appeased.  
Since He in death could perish never,  
I also shall not die forever.  
I am content!  
I am content!
- 2 I am content! My Jesus is my head;  
His member I shall be.  
He bowed His head when on the cross  
He died  
With cries of agony.  
Now death is brought into subjection  
For me by Jesus' resurrection.  
I am content!  
I am content!
- 3 I am content! My Jesus is my light,  
My radiant sun of grace.  
His cheering rays beam blessings forth  
for all,  
Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.  
This Easter sun has brought salvation  
And everlasting exultation.  
I am content!  
I am content!
- 4 I am content! At length I shall be free,  
Awakened from the dead,  
Arising glorious evermore to be  
With You, my living head.  
The chains that hold my body, sever;  
Then shall my soul rejoice forever.  
I am content!  
I am content!

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## Offering

### Three ways to give:

- Mail your offering to the church
- Drop off your offering outside the church office, Tuesdays 9 a.m. to noon
- Give online at [SJL.ORG](http://SJL.ORG)



## Kyrie

LSB 285

- L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from  
the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

**Versicles**

*LSB 286*

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** let my cry come to You.
- L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** for You answer me.
- L** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** and blot out all my iniquities.
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** and renew a right spirit within me.
- L** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** my lips will praise You.
- L** For You have been my help,  
**C** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** unite my heart to fear Your name.
- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** and I will glorify Your name forever.
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** listen to my plea for grace.

## Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Additional Prayers

### Morning Prayer

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### Benedicamus

*LSB 287*

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Blessing

*LSB 287*

- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- C** Amen.

## 548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

- 1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us,  
Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise  
And hast opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.

- 2 Thou hast died for my transgression,  
All my sins on Thee were laid;  
Thou hast won for me salvation,  
On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise  
And shall meet Thee in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory;  
I shall lift my head in glory.
- 3 For the joy Thine advent gave me,  
For Thy holy, precious Word;  
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,  
For Thy blest Communion board;  
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,  
For Thy resurrection morn,  
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,  
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

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**To God Alone Be Glory**

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