



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Land Acknowledgement

During the season of Lent, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

In this Holy time of Lent, we acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places that were home to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Holy One, help us to repent of all that we have done, and to make peace with those whom we have wronged, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Penitential Rite

Please rise as you are able

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray. Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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. Amen.**

Priest: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

People: **whose mercy endures forever.**

Priest: Dear friends in Christ as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

People: **Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Act of Penitence

The Priest and deacon move to the basin, pour the water into it, and the Priest blesses it,

The Asperges

During the Asperges, members of the congregation are sprinkled with water.

Kyrie eleison (*Healey Willan*)

The Collect of the Day

Reading

Please be seated

Reader: A Reading from the Book of 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 round 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, ‘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: The word of the Lord.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 130 *(George Black)*

Refrain:



Our God shall re - deem us from all our sins.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O God;

God, hear my voice;

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

Refrain

If you were to note what is done amiss,

O God, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you;

therefore you shall be feared.

Refrain



Our God shall re - deem us from all our sins.

I wait for you, O God, my soul waits for you;
in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for God, more than sentinels for the morning,
more than sentinels for the morning. **Refrain**

O Israel, wait for God,
the One with whom there is mercy;
With you, O God, there is plenteous redemption,
and you shall redeem Israel from all their sins. **Refrain**

The Gospel

Please rise as you are able

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: ‘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.’

Narrator: 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,

Jesus: ‘Let us go to Judea again.’

Other V: ‘Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?’

Jesus: ‘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.’
‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.’

Other V: ‘Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.’

Narrator: Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly,

Jesus: ‘Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’

Narrator: Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples,

Other V: ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’

Narrator: When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for 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,

Other V: ‘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: ‘Your brother will rise again.’

Other V: ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’

Jesus: ‘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?’

Other V: ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

Narrator: When Martha had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately,

Other V: ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’

Narrator: 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,

Other V: ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’

Narrator: When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

Jesus: 'Where have you laid him?'

Narrator: 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: 'Take away the stone.'

Other V: 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.'

Jesus: 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

Narrator: So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said,

Jesus: '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.'

Narrator: When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: 'Lazarus, come out!'

Narrator: The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.

Jesus: 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Narrator: Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did.

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

John 11.1-45

(Adjusted and arranged for three voices)

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Andrew Kuhl

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

The response to the prayers is as follows:

Leader: God who gave water in the wilderness,

All: Grant us your living water.

Healing/Anointing

During the space following the prayers of the people, feel free to continue to hold the concerns of your heart in prayer, offering them silently or aloud.

For those desiring prayers for healing and the ministry of anointing, please move to one of the clergy on the outside of our liturgical space.

The Peace

During the singing of the hymn, the congregation gathers around the altar. We form two concentric circles that flow around and through the chancel (altar area) and down the steps.

If you would like to make a financial donation to the ministry of the Church of the Redeemer, please place your offering on the plate held by one of the greeters at the chancel steps or use the QR code to the right.



Offertory Hymn: #631 (Common Praise) “The Kingdom of God ...”

All sing



1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy, for Je - sus re -
2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace; the cap - tives are
3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice: be - lieve the good
4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal, in Je - sus be -



stores what sin would de - stroy. God's pow - er and glo - ry in
freed, the sin - ners find place. The out - casts are wel - comed God's
news, re - pent and re - joice! His love for us sin - ners brought
gun, in heav - en made whole. The heirs of the king - dom shall



Je - sus we know, and here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
ban - quet to share, and hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
Christ to his cross, our cris - is of judge - ment for gain and for loss.
an - swer his call, and all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God All - in - All.

The Prayer over the Gifts

The Celebration of the Eucharist



The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus: #735 (Common Praise)



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly



Lord, God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full, full



of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the



high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010). Arr. © 1985, 1989 GIA Publications, Inc.

During the prayer all respond as follows:

Priest: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim this truth:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

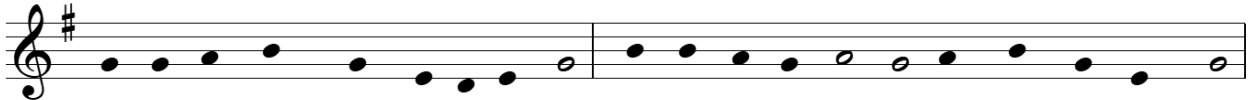
At the end of the prayer all respond:

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest:

People:



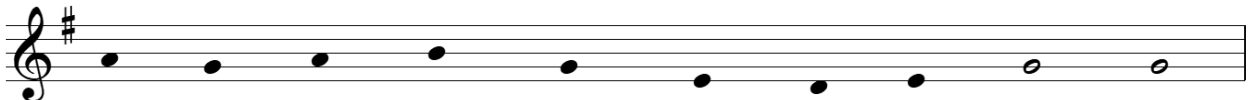
As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins



as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread,

***People:* Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Priest: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

***People:* If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

The Communion



*During communion, if you need a gluten-free wafer,
please let the communion minister know.
Please do not dip the bread in the wine.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion,
please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left.*

*After receiving, we invite you to remain gathered around the altar for the remainder of the
service until the dismissal.*

Communion Hymn: #26 (Sing a New Creation) “Deep the Snows ...”



1. Deep the snows on God's high moun-tain, bright and gleam-ing in the sun.
2. E - den, land of lake and riv - er, ev - er pure and ev - er near.
3. Wells of old where shep-herds halt - ed, there to drink and find their rest,
4. Zi - on's tem - ple saw God's glo - ry gush - ing forth from ev - ery door.



There set free, a liv - ing foun - tain stirs once more its course to run.
Grace and beau-ty sing to - geth - er, fresh the flow from year to year.
are by God a place ex - alt - ed: ris - ing thirst is here ad - dressed.
Je - sus lives to be that sto - ry, time-less fount on ev - ery shore.



Pool on pool by leaps de - scend-ing, brooks, now might-y tor - rents roar.
Sing they too, her sons and daugh-ters, bathed and blest, so bright their soul.
Came the Son true wealth pos - ses - sing, large that heart to in - ter - cede.
Wide the praise of throngs de - clar - ing: his the life of love out-poured;



Shad-ed rills from still-ness wend-ing, qui - et springs in us re-store.
Gift of God these heal-ing wa - ters, liv - ing streams to make us whole.
Liv-ing wa - ter rich in bless-ing floods the des - ert of our need.
he, the Christ who meets us, car - ing; he, our ev - er liv - ing Lord.

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Song: “White Dove” (*Clela Errington*)

Prayer after Communion

Priest: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ.**

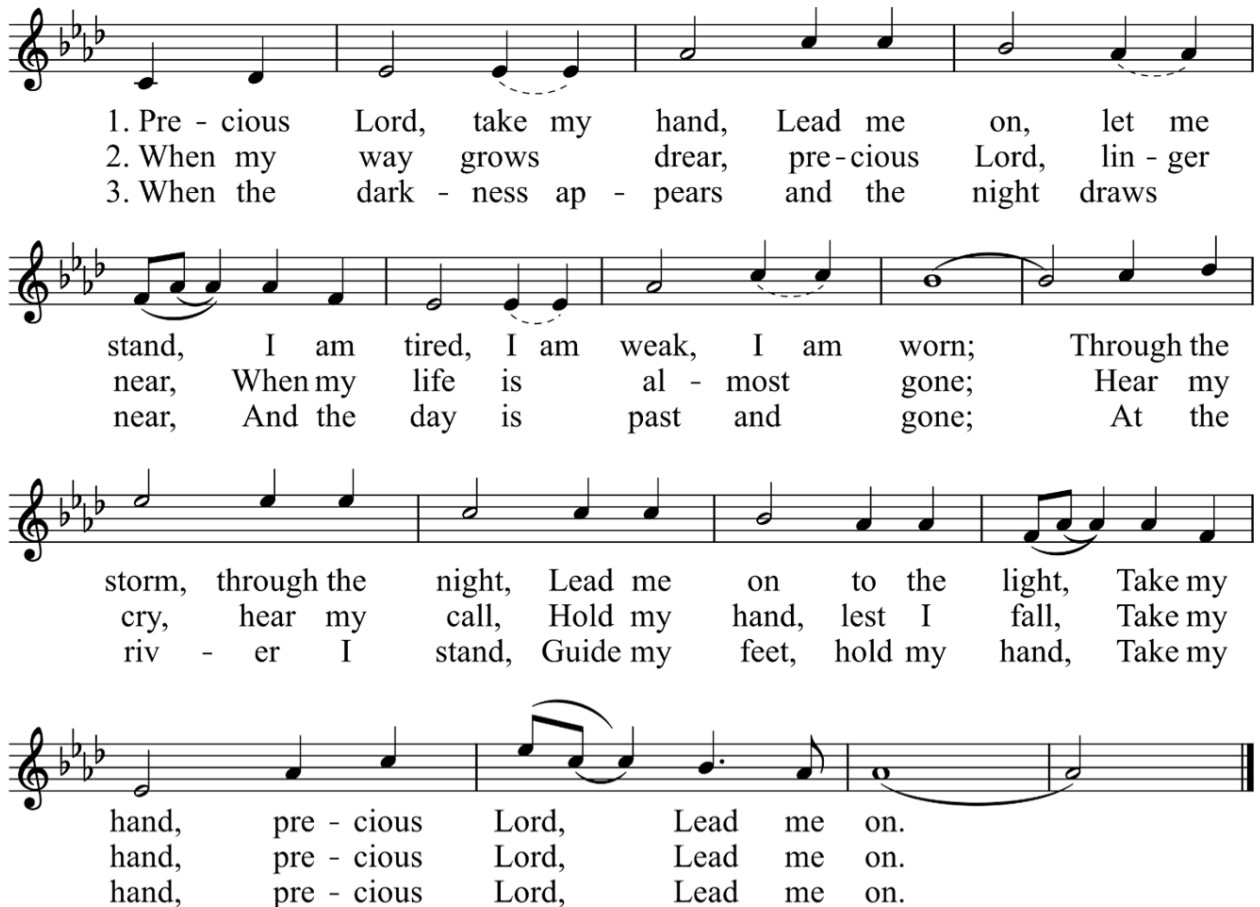
**May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;**

we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
 Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
 so that we and all your children shall be free,
 and the whole earth live to praise your name;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements not in “Ministry Updates”

Closing Hymn: “Precious Lord”

All sing



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the
 near, When my life is al - most gone; Hear my
 near, And the day is past and gone; At the

storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light, Take my
 cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall, Take my
 riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my

hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me on.
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The Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.