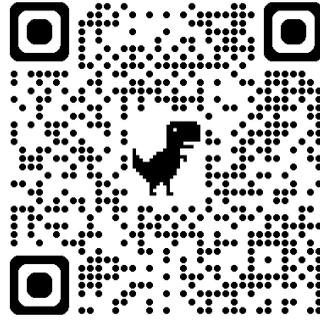


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Readings and Music for

The Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22, 2026

Processional

“Holy Spirit, Ever Living”

H511

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

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.**

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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, “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.**



Holy Week Schedule

March 29th at 10AM - Palm Sunday

Join us as we begin our journey through Holy Week together with the Liturgy of the Palms and the reading of the Passion.

March 30th at 7M - Instructional Eucharist

This is an actual eucharistic service, but we will use the actual *Book of Common Prayer* rather than a bulletin, and I will give explanatory notes as we go. This is a great capstone for those attending the Episcopal 101 courses, but I commend it to you all.

March 31st at 7PM - Stations of the Cross

Join us for this traditional Holy Week devotion that takes one on a visual journey through Christ's last days.

April 1st at 7PM - Tenebrae

Join us for this powerful and beautiful service of readings that are accented by an interplay between light and darkness.

April 2nd at 7PM - Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday marks the beginning of the Triduum, a service in three parts that takes place over Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week. Come to whatever services you can, but if you are able, consider coming to the full Triduum, as it is an incredibly enriching experience to journey through the whole thing.

April 3rd at 7 PM - Good Friday

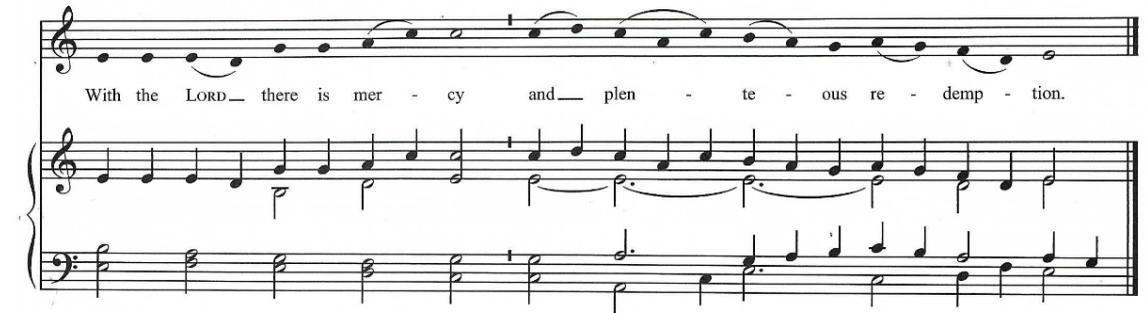
This is the second part of the Triduum, which commemorates Christ's death and offers an opportunity to meditate on the cross.

April 4th at 6PM - The Great Vigil of Easter

This is the third and final part of the Triduum. It begins in quiet contemplation in the dark but culminates in The Great Noise, a moment in the service when we proclaim Christ's Resurrection, and a shift to a tone of celebration. This is a great service for families, as it engages all the senses. It will be followed by a special celebratory time of fellowship.

- **Soup and Sustenance** – Join us this Wednesday, March 25th, at 6:30PM for our last Lenten soup and sustenance session. Hunter will be leading a discussion on repentance. What is repentance anyway? Is it just feeling bad about the things we've done? Or is there more to it than that? Can it be healing? Can repentance be institutional? Come join us as we try to answer some of these questions. There will be a simple meal of soup, salad, and bread. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to volunteer to bring soup, salad, or bread.
- **Episcopal 101** – Join us today after service for our last session of Episcopal 101. We will gather in the sanctuary around 11:30AM and learn about the liturgy of the Episcopal Church. If you are an adult who has never been confirmed and you would like to be or if you would like to be received into the Episcopal Church, this would be appropriate preparation. Even if you have been confirmed or received, this is a great opportunity to learn or refresh your knowledge of how our church works.
- **Installation Service** – On April 25th, we will have a special "celebration of new ministry service" to install me formally as the rector of the parish. Our dean, Dean Mike Dwyer, will celebrate at the service, and the vestry will host a dinner afterwards in Leach Hall. Please RSVP by April 11th. You can RSVP by calling the church or by going to the event page from the online church calendar
- **Blessed and Unstressed** – Save the date for our upcoming Women's Day on Saturday, May 2, from 9AM to 1PM. It will be a morning of faith, fellowship and fun. All women of the parish along with friends, sisters, mothers and daughters are invited.

Psalm 130



With the LORD— there is mer - cy and— plen - te - ous re - demp - tion.

- A 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.
- A 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?
- B 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared. [ANT.]
- 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. [ANT.]
- 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. [ANT.]

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

A reading from Paul’s letter to the 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.

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

People Thanks be to God.



SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

<u><i>This week at Transfiguration:</i></u>			
<i>Today</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Church/FB</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour hosted</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>11:15am</i>
<i>Today</i>	<i>Episcopal 101</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>11:30am</i>
<i>3/25</i>	<i>Soup & Sustenance</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>6:30pm</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **• Birthday Cake Kit Project** - During Lent, the Children and Youth Ministry Committee is sponsoring a Birthday Cake Kits project. We are collecting all the supplies needed to bake birthday cakes (cake mix, frosting, icing, sprinkles, birthday candles, and blank birthday cards). Our church school kids will assemble all these items into individual kits (contained in foil baking pans) which will be donated to local food pantries. If you'd like to help, there is a signup poster on the bulletin board outside Leach Hall where you can register to bring one or more items. There is also a collection box where you can drop off your donations. We'd like to have all our supplies by Sunday, March 22. Thank you for your support!

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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Offertory Anthem "Come Alive (Dry Bones)" by Lauren Daigle

Communion "Breathe on me, Breath of God" H508

Recessional "Thine Arm, O Lord, in Days of Old" H567

Sequence "Lord Have Mercy" by Steve Merkel

Refrain: Choir and Congregation

The musical score is written for three staves in G major and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a whole rest followed by a half note G4, then a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The second staff continues with a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,' are written below the notes. The third staff continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy on me. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy,' are written below. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The lyrics 'Lord have mer - cy on me.' are written below. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Verse 1: Choir only

Jesus I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
 Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim
 With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
 Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again [*Refrain*]

Verse 2: Choir Only

I have built an altar where I've worshipped things of man
 I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You
 Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
 Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again [*Refrain*]

Verse 3: Choir only

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies
 Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end
 So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence
 Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night [*Refrain*]

Gospel

John 11:1-45

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord 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?"