

THE PARISH CHURCH

AT HABERSHAM

The Fifth Sunday in Lent Sunday, March 26, 2023 10:30 am

Liturgy of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn:

William F. Sherwin

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Break thou the Bread of Life, dear Lord, to me, As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea; Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord; My spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, dear Lord, to me, As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall, And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me, Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me; Give me to eat and live with thee above; Teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me, That he may touch mine eyes and make me see; Show me the truth concealed within thy word, For in they book revealed I see thee, Lord.

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

Celebrant: God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord

your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our

hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not murder.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant: You shall not covet.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you. Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant prays:

The Collect for Purity

The Summary of the Law

Kyrie

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us. **People:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People: And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ And he said to me,

"Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, vou know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6 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." 7 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. 8 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. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy 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." ¹⁰ 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. 11 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 indeed cut off.' 12 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. 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 14 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 130:1-8

Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord; *

Lord, hear my voice.

- O let your ears consider well * the voice of my supplications.
- ³ If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, * O Lord, who could abide it?
- For there is mercy with you; * therefore you shall be feared.
- I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my trust.
- My soul waits for the Lord, * more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, * and with him is plenteous redemption;
- 8 And he shall redeem Israel * from all their sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:* as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

New Testament: Romans 6:15-23

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to

righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Open Our eyes

Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus

© 1976 CCCM Music | Bob Cull | CCLI 307829

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to St. John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 11:18-44

¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall

never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. 31 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. 32 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." 33 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. 34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 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." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 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." 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

After each intercession, prayers from the congregation are invited.

The Comfortable Words

The Peace (standing)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Offertory:

Hamburg

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the cross of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were an off ring far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

Celebrant: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,

once for all upon the Cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the

world;

People: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the

world;

People: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the

world;

People: Grant us your peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation

The Ministration of Communion

Communion Hymn: It Is Well With My Soul

Grander earth has quaked before Moved by the sound of His voice Seas that are shaken and stirred Can be calmed and broken for my regard

Chorus: Through it all through it all, My eyes are on You Through it all through it all, It is well

Through it all through it all

My eyes are on You, And it is well with me

Far be it from me to not believe Even when my eyes can't see And this mountain that's in front of me Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

So let go my soul and trust in Him The waves and wind still know His name

It is well with my soul (3x)
It is well it is well with my soul

© 2013 Bethel Music Publishing | Horatio Gates Spafford | Kristene DiMarco | Philip Paul Bliss | CCLI # 307829

The Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn:

Morecambe

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, And make me love thee as I ought to love.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King? All, all thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind. I see thy cross-there teach my heart to cling; O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; Teach me the patience of unanswered pray'r.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame, The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove, My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the

power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn texts and music are reproduced herein under OneLicense.net #A-723012.

Thank You for Worshipping with Us!

- If you have any prayer requests or questions about the Christian faith, our Pastor, Jamie Sosnowski, is available at 843-817-5667 or at parishchurchathabersham@gmail.com.
- If you would like to financially support our ministry, you can go to TheParish.org and Click "Give" on the homepage.
- New to the Parish Church? Please let us know who you are by scanning this code with your phone's camera.

