



# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 26 MARCH 2023

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

9:00 A.M.

### Prelude

Processional Hymn 567

“Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old”

*St. Matthew*

### THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **His mercy endures forever.**

### Collect for Purity

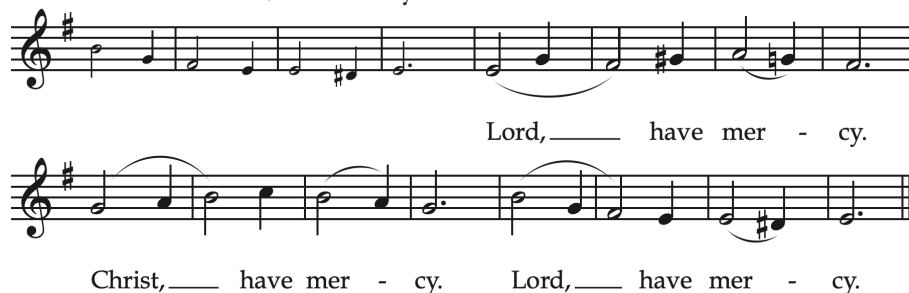
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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Kyrie

“Lord, have mercy”

*Holy Ghost*



### The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* 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 Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1–14

*NRSV*, p. 791

*Commentary: Ezekiel was unique among Old Testament prophets in his focus on Israel as the holy people of the holy temple, the holy city and the holy land. By practicing defiled, idolatrous worship, Israel had become*

*unclean and therefore had corrupted the temple, the city and the land. Because of their willful disobedience, God withdrew from His people, judging them with national destruction and exile. However, Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones pictured the manner in which God would restore His people. God's faithfulness to His covenant and His desire to save meant that He would revive His people once more, cleansing them from defilement. God's promise was to restore Israel nationally and spiritually.*

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, "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, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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 prophecy, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 130

"Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord"

*De profundis*

*read by all responsively by whole verse*

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.

**If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \***

**O LORD, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you; \*

therefore you shall be feared.

**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \***

**in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the LORD,

more than watchmen for the morning, \*

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**O Israel, wait for the LORD, \***

**for with the LORD there is mercy;**

With him there is plenteous redemption, \*

and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*After the Psalm, the children leave for Children's Chapel.*

## Sequence Hymn

*After the organ introduces the theme, the antiphon is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all.*



### Verse



## The Holy Gospel: John 11:1–45

*NRSV*, p. 980

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?" 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

**The Nicene Creed**

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*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

## Prayers of the People

*The response to each petition:*

...We call to you, O Lord;

**Lord, hear our voice.**

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem

Tune: *Lytlington*  
arr. John Sullivan

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Christ be in my mind, and in my seeking;  
Christ be in my ears, and in my hearing;  
Christ be in my hands, and in my serving;  
Christ be in my feet, and in my walking;  
Christ, be at mine end, and at my departing.

Spirit be in my hope, and in my helping;  
Spirit be in my soul, and in my praying;  
Spirit be in my joy, and in my laughing;  
Spirit be in my love, and in my learning;  
Spirit be at mine end, and at my departing.

## Presentation Hymn 143

“The glory of these forty days” *fifth verse only*

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

O — Fa - ther, — Son, and — Spi - rit blest, to  
thee be ev - ery prayer ad-dressed, who art in — three - fold  
Name — a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also 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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S—124**

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues, concluding with:*

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**





Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## The Communion of the People

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.*

## Communion Hymns

Hymn 457

"Thou art the Way, to thee alone"

*St. James*

Hymn 547

"Awake, O sleeper, rise from death"

*Marsh Chapel*

Hymn 508

"Breathe on me, Breath of God"

*Nova Vida*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

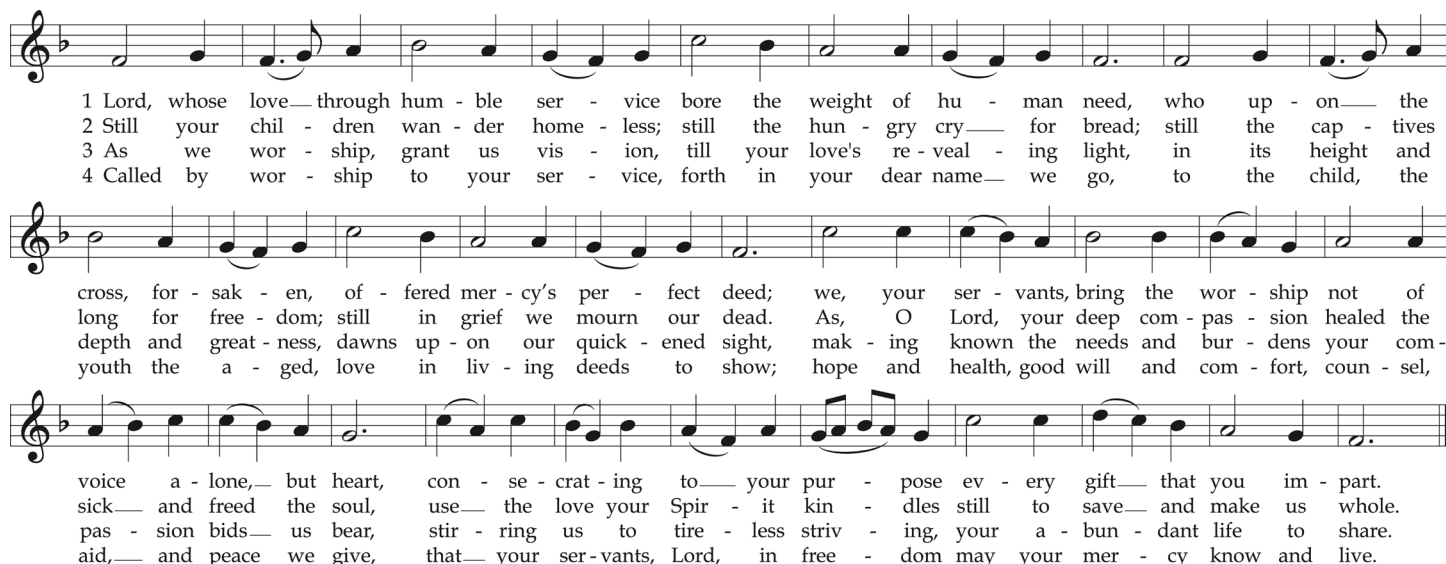
*Celebrant* Bow down before the Lord. *The people kneel*

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

"Lord, whose love through humble service"

*Hyfrydol*



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need, who up-on the  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread; still the cap-tives  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vis-ion, till your love's re-veal-ing light, in its height and  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the

cross, for-sak-en, of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed; we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of  
long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-pas-sion healed the  
depth and great-ness, dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-  
youth the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com-fort, coun-sel,

voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-ery gift that you im-part.  
sick and freed the soul, use the love your Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.  
pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to tire-less striv-ing, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

## The Dismissal

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard  
Children's Chapel: Ansley Trask*

*Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon  
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*Clarinetist: Coleman Burgess*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Martha Patterson Kidder, George Everard Kidder, Pat Kidder Crittenden, and Anne Kidder Beatty.*

## TODAY AT ST. JAMES

### MEN ON A MISSION: CO-ED FELLOWSHIP EVENT

March 26 | 3:30-6:00 p.m. | *RSVP for Directions*  
Men on a Mission is having its first-ever all-inclusive fellowship event. Come enjoy this beautiful setting with a catered barbeque, drinks of all varieties, a bluegrass band, and lots of great fellowship. Each MoM member may bring one 21+-year-old guest of any gender. Cost \$25 for one, and \$40 for two. Net proceeds from MoM events go toward MoM outreach efforts. See you all out at Pleasant Oaks Plantation!

### FULL-COURT FELLOWSHIP

March 26 | 7:15-9:00 p.m. | *Perry Hall*  
Men of the parish are invited to join our High School boys for pick-up basketball games on Sunday evenings at 7:15 p.m. We'll take a break midway for a reflection or devotional of some sort. Have questions about this offering? Please reach out to Mark at [mark.bartbolett@gmail.com](mailto:mark.bartbolett@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

### QUIET REFLECTION AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

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Please mark your calendars and join a day of fun on Saturday, April 1st at Mount Lebanon Chapel starting at 9:00 am. We will be fine-tuning this sacred place of worship (building and grounds) for our spring services. There will be activities for everyone of all ages and abilities. Those attending are encouraged to bring gloves, eyewear, sturdy shoes, tarps, pruners of all sizes, blowers, and rakes.

### BREAD BREAKERS: TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

Sunday, April 2 | 1:00 p.m. | *UNCW*  
Save the date for April 2nd! Instead of our usual Hospitality at Home potluck, we'll be gathering together for the UNCW vs. NC A&T Baseball Game. The game starts at 1:00 p.m. Plan to RSVP for tickets by March 28th. We've got a block of 50 (12&Up need tickets- Under 12 get in Free!) set aside for St. James Breadbreakers thanks to Kevin and Taber Tornos! RSVP online today!

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;  
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers  
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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