

**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
*26 March 2023*



*God said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?"*

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## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome

*The presiding minister may comment briefly upon the service of the day.*

### The Confession of Sin

*Silence for reflection may be kept.*

*The presider and assembly confess their sins, and pray for one another.*

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault, in thought, word, and deed.

I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

**Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

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**I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

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**Gathering Hymn**    *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (st. 1, 4-6)*        *ELW 886*

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| 1 | Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing<br>my great Redeemer's praise,<br>the glories of my God and King,<br>the triumphs of his grace!       | 5 | Look unto him, your Savior own,<br>O fallen human race!<br>Look and be saved through faith alone,<br>be justified by grace!         |
| 4 | He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,<br>new life the dead receive;<br>the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,<br>the humble poor believe. | 6 | To God all glory, praise, and love<br>be now and ever giv'n<br>by saints below and saints above,<br>the church in earth and heav'n. |

*Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.*

## Apostolic Greeting

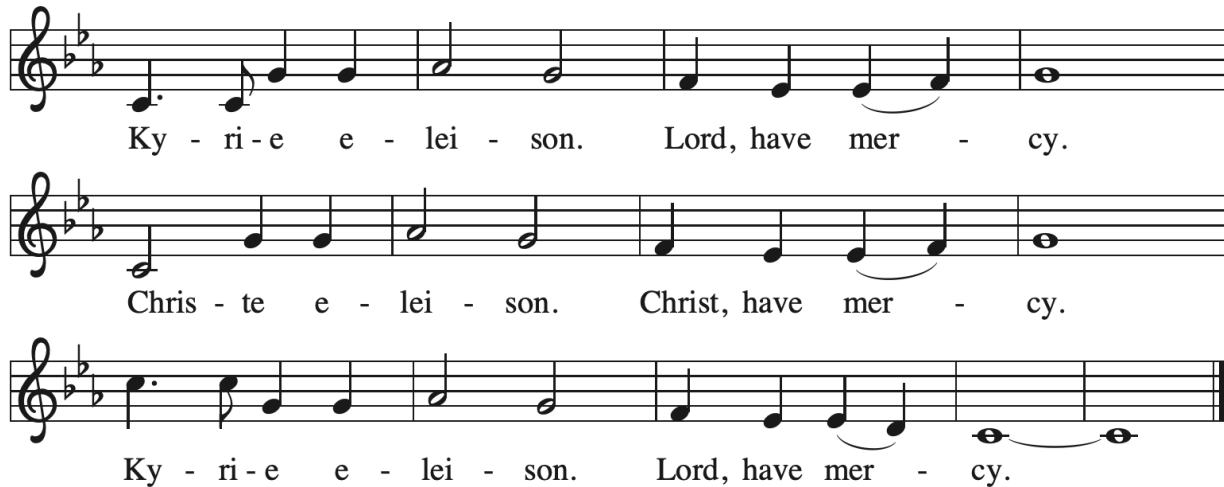
*The presiding minister greets the assembly in the words of 2 Corinthians 13:4.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie

*All Creation Sings, Setting 12*



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Kyrie

**(“All Creation Sings,” Setting 12)**

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

## Children’s Sermon

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”

<sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to 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: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>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.”

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.” <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>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.’ <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **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 supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

### **Epistle: Romans 8:6-11**

A reading from Romans.

<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 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, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though 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 from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Verse: Return to the Lord**

*(Joel 2:13)*

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### **Gospel Reading**

**John 11:30-45**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village [*where his friend Lazarus had died*], but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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.”

<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <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 have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>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.”

<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 looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>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.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>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.”

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

*What Wondrous Love is This*

*ELW 666*

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down  
beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb,  
who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

*Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.*

## **Creed**

*We confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*An assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer with these or similar words.*

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

You breathe life into your people. Deepen partnerships around the globe, in-  
cluding our companion parish Good Shepherd in Biella, Papua New Guinea;  
our friends in Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania and the Evangelical  
Church in Germany. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You redeem a world held captive by sin. Free us from war, tyranny and op-  
pression, especially the peoples of Ukraine, North Korea, and Tibet. Raise up  
leaders who promote the dignity of human life. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this  
congregation, especially our Adult Choir, Handbells, Sunday School Choir,  
Voices of Praise, and all who lead us in hymns of joy and songs of lament.  
Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are  
troubled by illness (*especially*). Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With  
thanksgiving, we remember all your saints (*including ...*) who now live in your  
eternal love. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your  
promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



## MEAL

### Offering

*An offering is received for the mission of the church here and through the world.*

### Offertory Anthem

#### Offertory Song

*As the offering is brought forward, we stand to sing.*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

### Offering Prayer

A Let us pray. *[Brief silence.]*

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

### Dialogue

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**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 our thanks and praise.**





## **Preface**

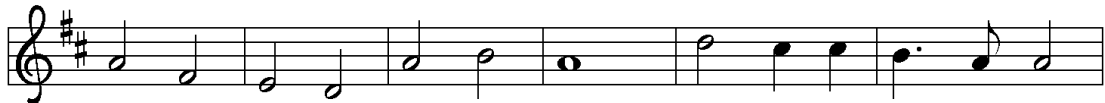
*The presiding minister continues:*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.


You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


**Holy, Holy, Holy**




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*The presiding minister gives thanks on behalf of the assembly.*

Holy God,  
our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and  
seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.  
You led your people Israel through the desert,  
and provided them water from the rock.  
We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,  
who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.  
Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the  
Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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 for-  
give 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.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

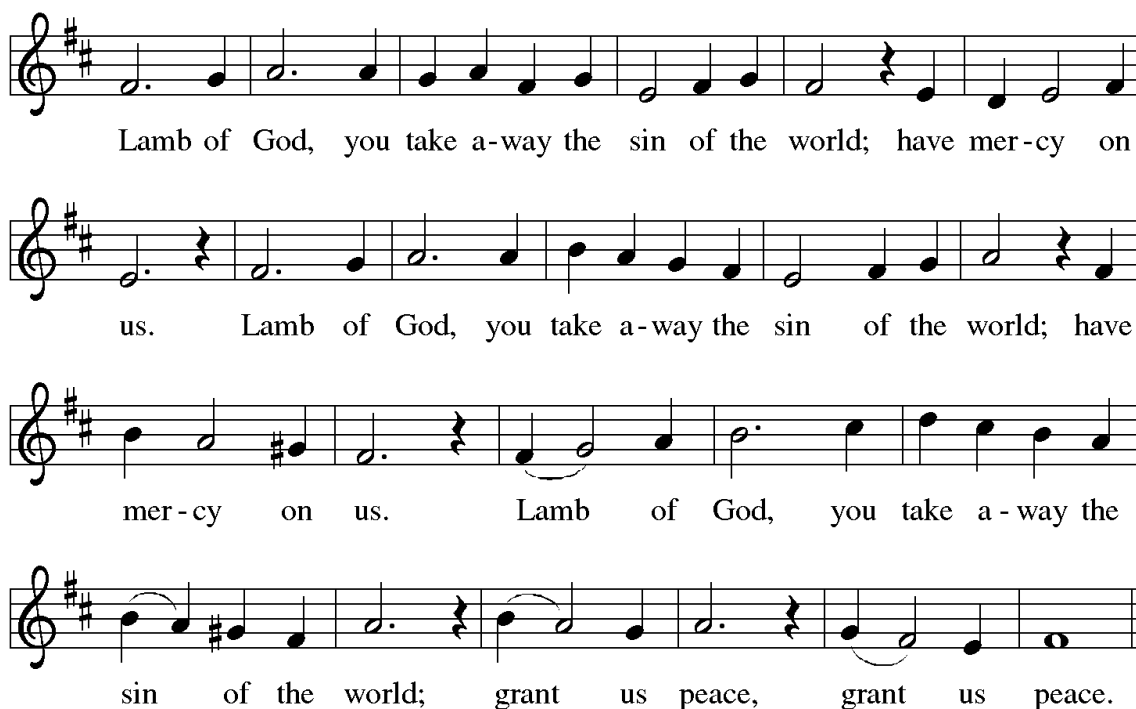
Holy things for a holy people.

**One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ to the glory of God the Father.**

## Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table. Those who do not receive may come forward, arms crossed, for a blessing. If you are interested in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak to a pastor.*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Music During Communion

### Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### SENDING

### Blessing

**P** Almighty God, Father,  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Announcements

### **Sending Song**

*Restore in Us O God*

*ELW 328*

1 Restore in us, O God,  
the splendor of your love;  
renew your image in our hearts,  
and all our sins remove.

2 O Spirit, wake in us  
the wonder of your pow'r;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives  
like springtime bud and flow'r.

3 Bring us, O Christ, to share  
the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life  
that death cannot destroy.

4 Three-personed God, fulfill  
the promise of your grace,  
that we, when all our searching  
ends,  
may see you face to face.

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## Dismissal

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

# A

## Bible Readings

*for Daily Prayer (March 27-April 2)*

### Monday

Psalm 143  
1 Kings 17:17-24  
Acts 20:7-12

### Tuesday

Psalm 143  
2 Kings 4:18-37  
Ephesians 2:1-10

### Wednesday

Psalm 143  
Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41  
Matthew 22:23-33

### Thursday

Psalm 31:9-16  
1 Samuel 16:11-13  
Philippians 1:1-11

### Friday

Psalm 31:9-16  
Job 13:13-19  
Philippians 1:21-30

### Saturday

Psalm 31:9-16  
Lamentations 3:55-66  
Mark 10:32-34

### Sunday of the Passion

Matthew 21:1-11  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew  
27:11-54



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