



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:30 and 10:30 am • March 22, 2026

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise | **EOW** Enriching our Worship

THE PRELUDE

Air in D Minor

Gustav Merkel

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

665. All My Hope on God is Founded

Michael

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures forever.**

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.

KYRIE ELEISON

8:30 Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

10:30 S 90, John Merbecke

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

After the Children's Moment, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130

De profundis

We will recite the psalm responsively by half verse, breaking at the asterisk.

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

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:6-11

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

680. O God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1–45

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Grey Maggiano

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BCP 358 | CG 9

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Caring and Loving Jesus, we offer our petitions to you during this Lenten season, that our spirits may know relief from stress and anguish. Help us to release our fears, our worries, our busy-ness so we can focus on you. Ease our tensions and replenish our bodies. Silence the voices of doubt so we can hear your words of truth. Remove the heaviness of our day so your love can pour out abundantly into our lives. Fill us with your peace, joy and love.

Create in us clean hearts, oh Lord, and put a right spirit in us.

God of the Wilderness and the Way, God of Egypt and the Promised Land, and God of the desert in between, here we are again on the Lenten Road. We trust we are not alone because you walk with us on this path. We long for your leadership, protection, provision, and strength.

Create in us clean hearts, oh Lord, and put a right spirit in us.

Loving God, we thank you for the beauty of our earth, your creation. Even as we are in the midst of the darkness of winter, we know Light will come again. Guide us to act in ways that preserve and keep our Earthly home as a holy place for all living things. Let the wilderness teach us, and refine us so that we can open our eyes to the world as you see it.

Hear us, Dear Lord, as we know only you can guide us and restore us.

Gracious and Welcoming God, we live in a world where relationships are increasingly complicated. Help us to remember that all people, regardless of circumstance, are created in your image. We all have inherent worth and blessings to share. Give us grace to create welcoming spaces for all. Help us to remember that we, too, are worthy of your love, for we are one of your precious creations.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know only you can guide us and restore us.

We pray for first responders, law enforcement officers, doctors, government workers, health professionals, active military, including Will and Peter who are deployed in this time of conflict, and all who seek to serve your people and that they take action with compassion for the good of your people.

We pray for gig and hourly workers who must work despite dangerous conditions. Give them focus and strength to meet the challenges of their work.

We pray for the youth and young people of our community who carry anxieties about their academic pressure, their safety, their future, and the many expectations placed upon them. In a world where the threat of violence feels close and perpetual, grant them your protection and peace. Surround them with caring adults and faithful friends in this community. Bless especially those who are undertaking the preparation for Confirmation, and fill them with your Holy Spirit as they claim your promises as their own.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know your mercy can save us.

God of Steadfast Love, be with all who are troubled in any way in mind, body, and spirit. Help them to feel your presence and know that they are not alone in their time of need. In our church family, we pray especially for Alice, Alison, Barry, Bear, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Catherine, Chuck, Diane, Eva, Jan, Jane, Liz, Mary, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, and Remmy. And our family and friends, especially Andrea, Barb, Caline, Clarence, Danielle, Denise, Evonne, Gemma, Ginger, Hannah, Harold,

Heather, Irina, James, Jim, Joelle, John, Jonathan, Joseph, Kate, Keili, Krista, Laird, Leeann, Lois, Lori, Moira, Peter, Renee, Rosalie, Roy, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Shannon, Shannon, Sharon, Stephanie, Tim, Wendy, and Will.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know your mercy can save us.

Compassionate God, we pray for all loved ones who have died, especially Cynthia Sessions Hansen, John Hanst, RosaLee Blake, and Paula Floyd. May light perpetual shine upon them and may they find eternal peace in your kingdom. Restore us all to wholeness through your Love.

Hear us, Dear Lord, for we know your mercy can save us.

Celebrant God of Truth and Mercy, give us strength to name what is broken; to confront injustice with unwavering love. Let our Lenten fasting be a fast from indifference so that our prayers rise not only in words, but in action, in solidarity and in love. Let us be Bearers of Hope, Sowers of Peace and Transformers of the World. Holy One, we trust in your promise that the wilderness of Lent leads to the Glory of Resurrection. In all things we give thanks to you and to your son Jesus.

Amen.

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

CHORAL ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
(Reference Hymn 324 for words.)

Setting by Doug Denisen
Megan Douglas, Cello

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

380. Doxology *(vs 3 only)*

Old 100th

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

SANCTUS

8:30 BCP 362

10:30 S 114

Healey Willan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional Version

BCP 364 | CG 45

THE FRACTION

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

THE COMMUNION HYMN

488. Be Thou My Vision

Slane

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366 | CG 27

**Almighty and everliving God,
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 SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

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.**

THE FINAL HYMN

699. Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Aberystwyth

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Cortege

Marcel Baker



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The art accompanying the Stations of the Cross has been graciously provided by the Inter-Latin American Artist Collective (ILAAC). They have selected art that reflects the immigrant experience in America in conversation with the Via Dolorosa, a path walked by Jesus Christ during his last days. You are invited to join us on Thursdays at noon to pray the stations or just reflect on the different pieces during our worship on Sunday mornings. The artists will join us for a reception on Easter where they will share a little about their art, their group, and also make some of their art available for sale for those who may be interested.

PRAYER TREE

Our Stand Up, Speak Out team is creating a prayer tree for our sanctuary this Lenten season. You may have noticed it this past Sunday. I invite you to write your own prayers, worries, and fears in this season of heightened anxiety and join them to our collective prayers for a better and calmer world, at home and abroad. There are pens and paper leaves in the sanctuary, and if you have a prayer you can't quite put into words, please join in and place a leaf on the tree anyway. God hears all our prayers, especially those we cannot say. We will collect these prayers through the Easter Vigil, when they will form part of that vigil liturgy and the lighting of the New Fire, symbolizing the rekindling of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2026

Wardens Hannah Harris (Senior), Randy R. Smith (Junior), and
Jim Ingram (Junior)

Members Emily Jividen, Yvette Smith, Robert Joines, Lillis Ward,
Scott Beaver, Randy R. Smith

Officers Bill Sena (Treasurer), Susan Kelley (Registrar)





QUICK LINKS

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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. George Black
PREACHER	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
Musicians (10:30)	Christian Schoen and the Nativity Choir
Lectors (8:30)	Mary-Benton Gordon, Viola Baldwin
(10:30)	Anne Ramirez, Emily Jividen, Marcia Perry
Eucharistic Ministers (8:30)	Kent Clary
(10:30)	Logan Lee, Jeremy Clos
Crucifer (10:30)	Alex Carrier
Torches (10:30)	Hannah Parker, Maya Kiefer
Banner (10:30)	Isabella Maggiano
Children's Formation (10:30)	Tracy McKimmon, Gail Till
Livestream Technician (10:30)	Jesse Lee
Altar Guild	Mary Hillmer, Catherine Maddox
Altar Greens	Emilie Sigel
Vestry Representative	Lillis Ward

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CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. Grey Maggiano	Rector
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Josh Anderson	Lay Associate for Communications and Administration
Monique Holmes	Business Manager
Eva Warren	Nursery Attendant
Robert Krahel	Sexton