

King of Glory Lutheran Church, Boise, Idaho

5th Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023
Setting 3



GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Invitation to Confession

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives - that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace - in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: Hymn # 333 "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land"

Pastoral Greeting

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. (*pause*)

Healing God, you have a plan that is unknown to us. We may not understand why Jesus took his time to get to his friend Lazarus after he died. But, we know that Jesus got there “in time” to say the powerful words, “Lazarus come out”. Help us to have patience to wait on your powerful healing when we are in times of trial. **AMEN.** (*Connie Winter-Eulberg*)

Praise hymn: Hymn #870 “We Praise You, O God”

WORD**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and the Lord brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. God led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. God said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then God 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 God 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 God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then God 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.

Psalm 130

Out ¹ of the depths

I cry to ¹ you, O Lord;

O Lord, ¹ hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my ¹ supplication.

If you were to keep watch ¹ over sins,

O Lord, ¹ who could stand?

Yet with you ¹ is forgiveness,

in order that you ¹ may be feared. R

I wait for you, O Lord; ¹ my soul waits;

in your word ¹ is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch ¹ for the morning,

more than those who keep watch ¹ for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is ¹ steadfast love;

with the Lord there is plen- ¹ teous redemption.

For the Lord shall ¹ redeem Israel

from ¹ all their sins. R

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 God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, God who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through God's Spirit that dwells in you.

“Return to the Lord your God”

S 142b

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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line and the number 'S 142b' in the upper right corner.

John 11:1-45, 12:1-2a, 9-11

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But 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.” ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus 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. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸When 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." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The 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. ³²When 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."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The 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."

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. ⁹ When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, ¹¹ since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: # 612 "Healer of our Every Ill"

Creed of Accepting Change

I invite you to join with me as we profess our faith using the words of the Creed of Accepting Change.

I accept my changing self

And the altering fullness of others

I acknowledge that I can improve myself

But cannot recover others

I confess that I resist change

And hide in what is familiar

I suspect what is different

And fear the unknown

Yet I realize that some change is inevitable

Perpetual

And beneficial

I open my heart to healthy change

Open my mind to positive change

Open my spirit to generous change

For by accepting change that brings us together

We reject what keeps us apart

In accepting change that makes me whole

I reject what breaks me down

In acceptance I learn change

Prayers of Intercession

O Holy One, we are impatient and we want you to answer our prayers soon after we speak them. We want our plan for our lives to match with your plan for us. Teach us to stop and refocus our expectations and goals to focus on you. Then we can reassess our life to the theme, “love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and soul.” With this different viewpoint, we can change our priorities.

We pray out loud or in the silence of our hearts for those who need your care and healing. (pause) Gentle helper, bring healing and help to those in need so that we join with you in the dance of celebration. **AMEN** (Connie Winter-Eulberg)

Meal**Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering**Offertory**

What Have We to Offer?

1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
 2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
 3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?

Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
 Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
 Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;

God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
 dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
 truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.

lay it at the al - tar there.
 Lay it at the al - tar then.
 Lay it at the al - tar now.

4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to
 give? Lives we will live.

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Offering Prayer

God, time is precious to us and so is our money that we have earned. You gift us with talents and skills that we have learned. We are thankful for these things. We offer to you our favorite and our best, and may all our gifts and our giving be acceptable in your sight. **AMEN**

("Hear Our Prayer", by Glen Rainsley, pg. 146)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

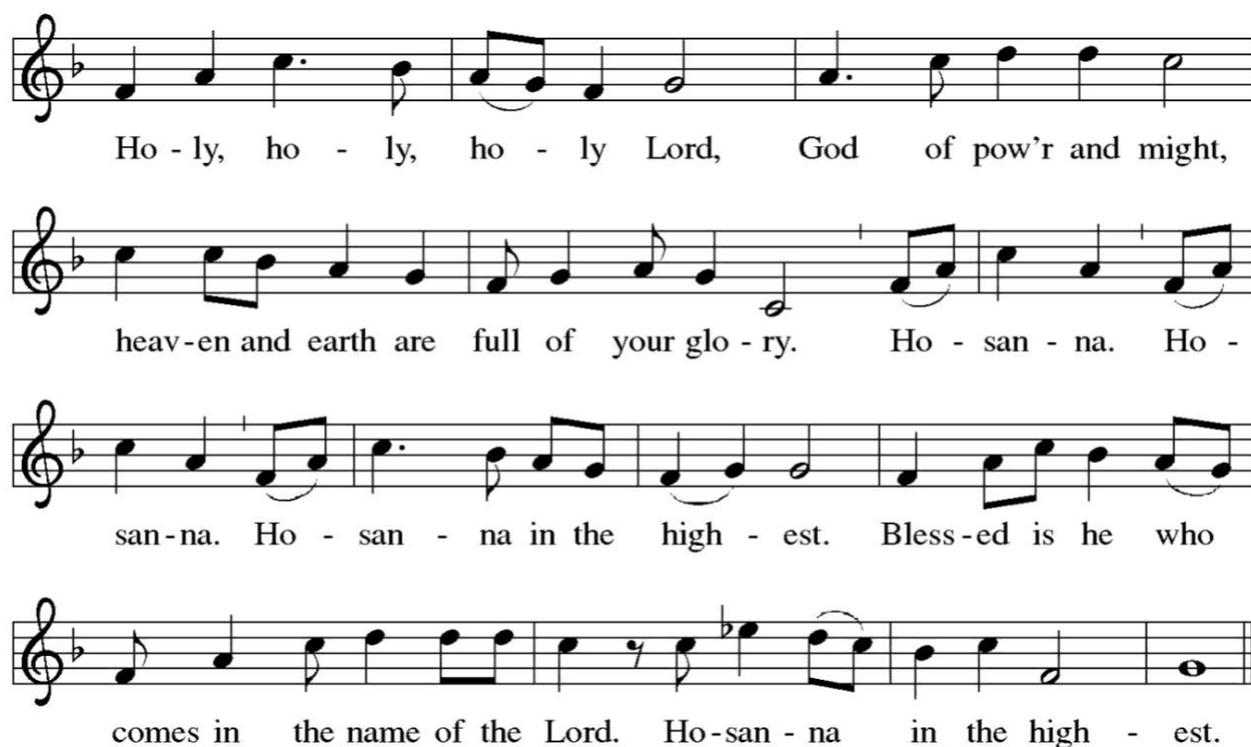
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is our duty and our delight that we would everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you O God through Jesus Christ who by his death on a cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. 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

God created the heavens and the earth. God created humans who had a hard time getting along with each other and putting God first in their lives. Then God sent prophets to teach us and still the people did not listen and obey. Then God sent Jesus who came to us in the form of a little baby who was feared by rulers right from the beginning. Jesus taught, healed and fed people, and many of those people were his followers. When Jesus sat at table and enjoyed communion with tax collectors and sinners, he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness. All are invited now to share God's table and be nourished by the bread of life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in 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 in remembrance of me.

May this meal be a blessing to each of us as we remember the gift of forgiveness given to us by the great love of Jesus as he died for us and rose from the dead.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today
our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us
from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Notre Pere

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,
Que ton règne vienne,
Que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui
notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisses
pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le
règne,
la puissance
et la gloire,
aux siècles des siècles.
Amen.**

Communion

Invitation to Table:

For those in the balcony, please gather your celebratory meal for communion. Take and eat the body of Christ broken for you. Take and drink. This is the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Blessing

May the Body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Christ bless you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Prayer after Communion

Jesus, we wonder what it was like in that upper room with your friends and followers. Were you anxious for what was ahead? Did you look around the room with gratitude at the faces of the people who had been with you for three years? Were you sad knowing one of them would betray you? We come to your table in awe of all that you did for us. We come knowing that this meal means our life. We come knowing that it will be a great blessing for our week. Thank you for this meal and the way it helps us remember that you died for our sins and you rose to show us that your power conquers death. In the name of Jesus, AMEN (Connie Winter-Eulberg)

Sending

Benediction - God, the Author of life. Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: #787 "On Eagle's Wings"

Dismissal

Go in peace. Knowing that the Holy Spirit is around and doing her work in our lives.

Thanks be to God.