

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR A
SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**WEEKEND OF
MARCH 28&29, 2020**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
Marty Haugen*

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, my God, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope;

My soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

And with God is great power to redeem.

It is our God who will redeem us from all our iniquities. — *(adapted from Psalm 130, NRSV)*

Receive good news: "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the all-sufficient gift of God's love, bestowing eternal life to you. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ELW 330

*Seed that in Earth Is Dying,
verses 1 and 3*



Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of grain.
Seed that in earth is dy - ing ris - es to bear much fruit.



Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel turn in - to gold - en wine.
Christ, as we meet at your ta - ble, give us the bread of life.



God, through this mys - ter - y grant us faith in our deep - est
Lord, we do thank and a - dore you! Un - ceas - ing praise of the



dark - ness, life in our night and death.
a - ges ris - es from night and death.

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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.**

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie) ELW S213a



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pew Bible, page 791

¹The 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. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I 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."

⁷So 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then 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." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then 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.' ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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.**

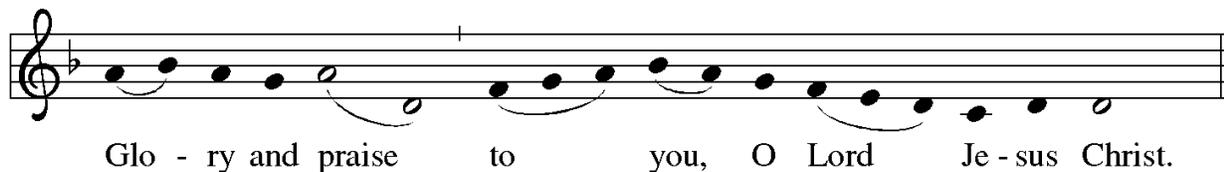
Psalm

Psalm 130

Out of the Depths

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation ELW S160b



Holy Gospel

John 11:1-45

Pew Bible, pages 978-979

The Holy Gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

- *Response after the reading*

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

Sermon

Death is Not an Emergency

Pastor Christa

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 379

*Now the Green Blade Rises,
verses 1,2 and 4*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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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

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

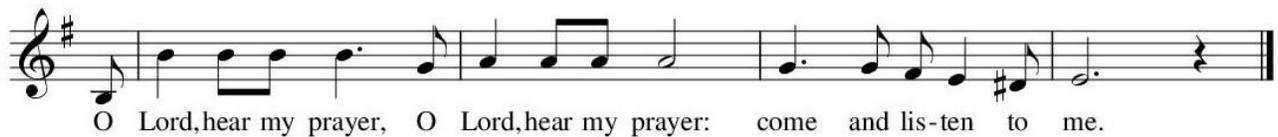
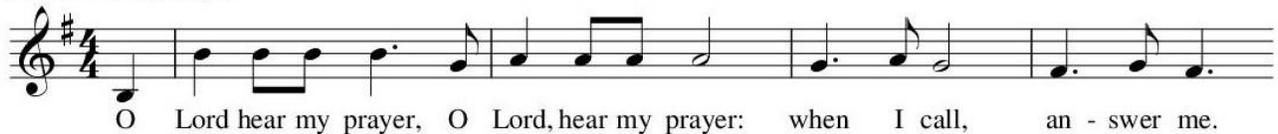
Prayer Hymn ELW 751

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Psalm 102:1-2

Taizé Community, adapt.

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)



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—response after each petition: Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

—response after the final petition: **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Within a household, the people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and offer a prayer for our siblings in the virtual household.

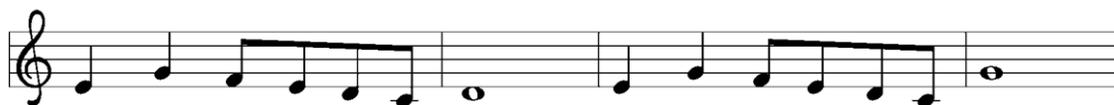
THANKSGIVING

Offering

During this time of isolation, there are many needs with our congregation, our local community and the world. We are unable to present in-person the gifts we offer to aid the church in pursuing God's mission. During this time, you may send you gifts directly to the church via mail or contribute via our online giving resources at <http://stlukeabq.org/>

Offertory Hymn ELW 814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

SENDING

Blessing (Benediction)

-response after the prayer: Amen.



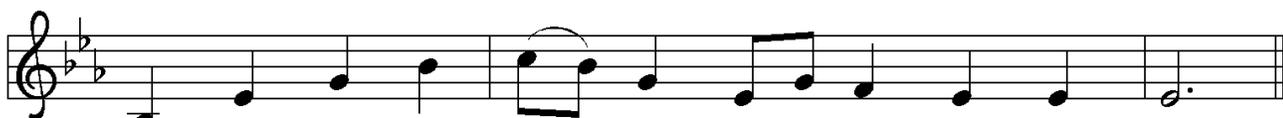
1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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