

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 26, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
In person and streamed on Zoom**



**Prelude**                      *Adagio ~ Craig Phillips*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

Friends, there is nothing that we have to keep hidden from God—not our anger, our grief, or the ways in which we have fallen short. In confession, we speak honestly and are met with grace. So let us not hold back. Let us bring our full selves to this prayer, knowing that God is already running to meet us. Let us pray:

**Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling.  
I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost.  
I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend,  
have felt the sting of humanity.  
Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.  
Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never  
feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of  
space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones  
back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, amen.**

Friends, you could spend your whole life ignoring God, pushing God away, or trying to solve the world's problems all on your own, and God would still love you all the same. Even in our shortcomings, we are God's beloved. So speak and believe this good news:

**We are saved by grace. We belong to God. We are not alone.**

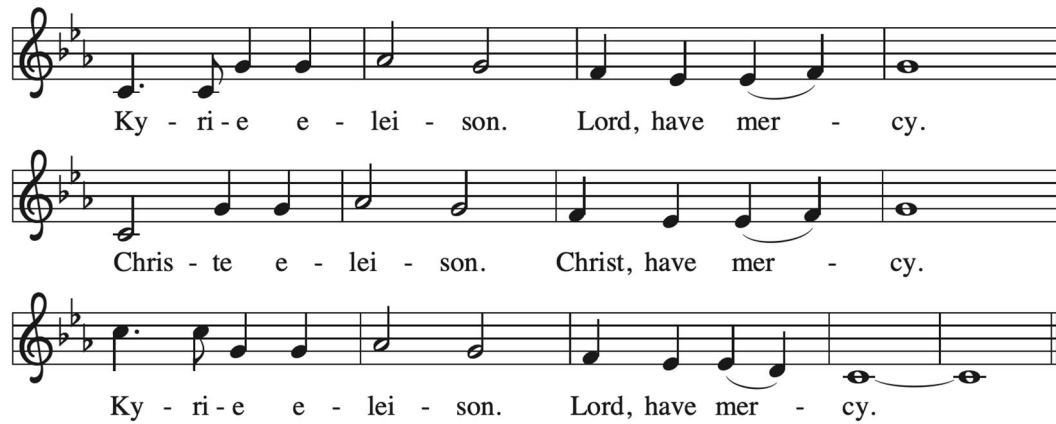
**Gathering Hymn**      *O God, Who Gives Us Life ~ ACS 1086*

**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.**

## Kyrie and Hymn of Praise



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.



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

### **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you

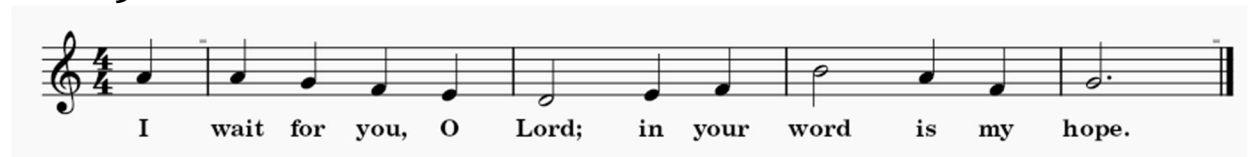
#### **And also with you**

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.

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

*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."*

### **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.

**Refrain**

<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.

**Refrain**

<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.

**Refrain**

<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.

**Refrain**

### **Gospel Reading**      **John 11:1-45**

*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*



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## Sermon

### Hymn Of the Day

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: John Goss (1869)



When the past is dead and bu - ried  
When our hearts are bowed in sor - row  
When our spi - rits feel so bro - ken



Life - less in the bar - ren ground  
And the grief is new - ly wrought  
Wrapped in lin - ens and en - tombed



What good can e - merge from ash - es?  
Cry - ing "If you'd on - ly been here"  
With - out hope and with - out feel - ing



Where can an - y life be found?  
Weep - ing for what we have lost  
As the storm clouds 'round us loom



Breathe in deep the rush - ing Spi - rit  
Re - sur - rect our hearts and spi - rits  
Hear the words of life from Je - sus



Life is grow - ing all a - round  
Liv - ing God whom we ex - alt  
"Come out, be un - bound" and bloom

## Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God loves us—

**God loves us enough to weep when we are lost.**

We believe that God does not give up on us—

**breathing new life into tired bones.**

We believe that God returns to us—

**always seeking us when we are lost.**

We believe that God holds hope for us—

**so we hold onto hope as well.**

We believe, help our unbelief.

**In Christ's name we pray, amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*Each petition ends with the words, Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

## Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always

**And also with you**

*As you share a greeting of peace, some may wish to shake hands, bump elbows, or simply nod to one another with the greeting; please be sensitive to varying preferences as we share the peace of Christ in preparation for Holy Communion.*

**Musical Offering**    Wondrous Love ~ Steve Pilkington  
(All Saint Choir & Hallelujah Ringers)

**Offertory Song**    Return to God ~ Gather #389 (refrain only, 2x)

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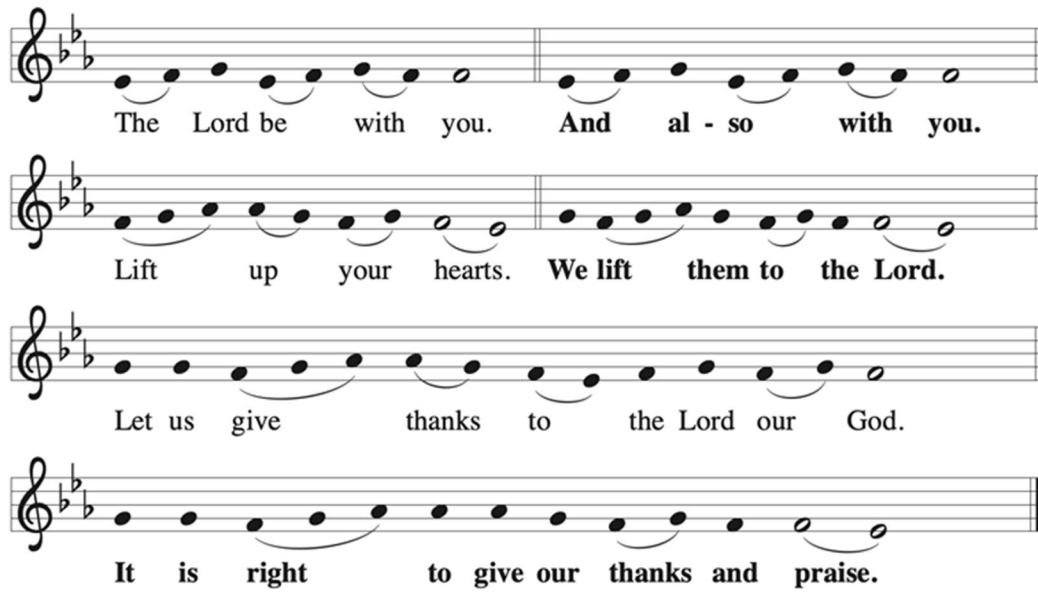
Re-turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and

mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God

## Offertory Prayer

God of good gifts, **receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:



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

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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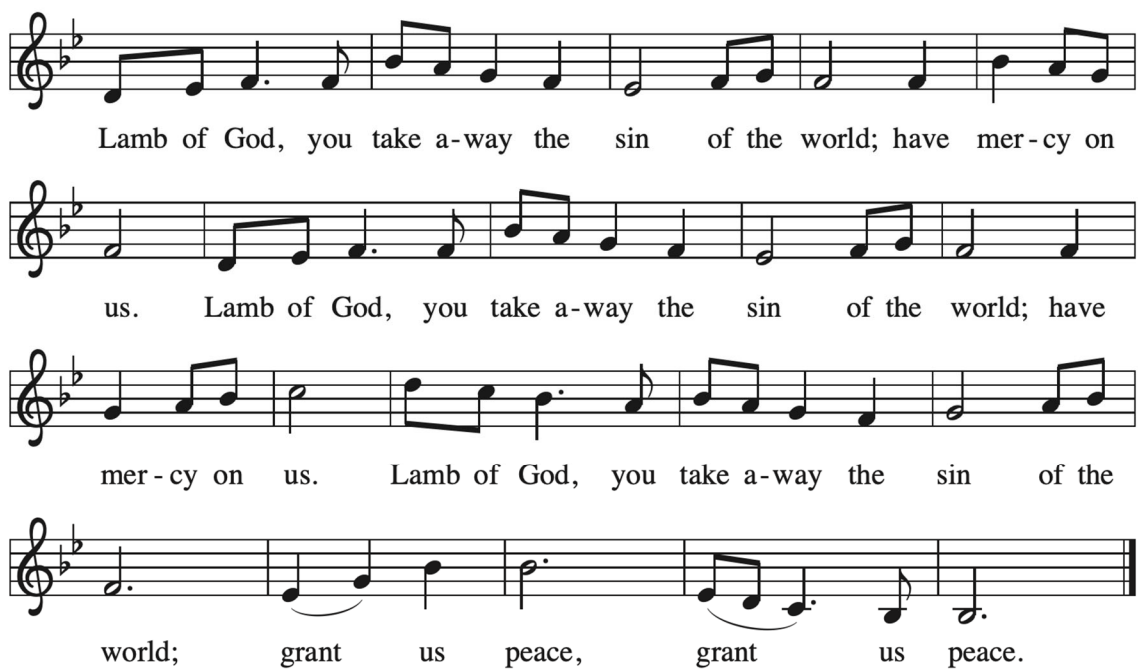
Blessed are you, God of the universe . . .  
in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray . . .

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

### **Holy Communion**

*You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*





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.

### **Communion Hymn**

*Beautiful Things ~ ACS 925*

### **Blessing After Communion**

#### **Prayer**

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking.  
Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary. Seek the good in every person you pass.  
Seek out the hopeful. Seek the faithful. Seek God in each of us.  
As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what you are looking for.  
In the name of our loving God, who is always seeking us, go now in peace. **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ~ ELW 611*

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve God **Thanks be to God**

### **Postlude**

*What Wondrous Love is This ~ Craig Phillips*

*Confession and Forgiveness, Affirmation of Faith, and Blessing by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | sanctifiedart.org*