

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023, 9:30 am



St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Yarmouth, Maine

Prelude "Out of the Depths I Call to Thee" by Randall Thompson & Max Reger

Welcome & Announcements Anne Jacobs

Opening Hymn, #455 O Love of God The Hymnal 1982

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.
People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Kyrie, #842 Wonder, Love, and Praise



△ Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. △



Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. △



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. △

△ optional bells

The Confession & Absolution

Celebrant People of God, in the holy trust of God's love and grace, let us confess our sins.

silence for reflection

Celebrant God of all mercy,
People we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that ensnares us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will.
Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins

through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God 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.

The Lessons

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Nancy Gunzelmann

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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.

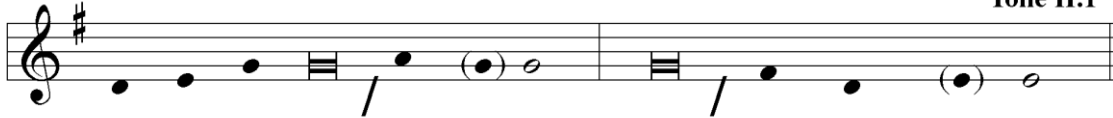
Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and 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.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

Tone II.1



- 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 sup/plication.
- 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 re/demption,*
and he shall redeem Israel / from all their sins.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

Nancy Gunzelmann

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.

Lector Holy wisdom, holy word.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John
People **Glory to you, O God.**

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.

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Roy Partridge

Hymn, #508

Breathe on me breath of God

The Hymnal 1982

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant
People

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say together,
**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 again 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 the People

Joe Michaud

Leader

Gracious God, you meet us where we are but also invite us into a deeper way of knowing your loving presence in our lives and the world around us. Restore us, we pray, and help us to be faithful witnesses to your saving power in the world. In peace let us pray: God in your mercy:

People

Receive our prayer.

O righteous God, we sin against you, against one another and against ourselves. Yet you loved the world so much that you sent your son Jesus to reconcile the world to yourself. We confess our sin with sorrow but not despair. We claim your abounding grace. God, in your mercy:
Receive our prayer.

Our world takes its own way, heedless of your will. We exploit and diminish others and threaten your good creation. Grant that in the accelerating crises of our time, your prophetic word may be heard, calling for a turning-about, and that there may be a new beginning of doing justice, loving peace, honoring truth, and walking humbly with you. God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

We pray for all victims of our turbulent social order: for those scarred by new and old wars, for refugees and those hungry and in despair, for the poor, homeless and addicted, and for all who have no access to the world's abundant resources. Awaken us to bring about change for the well-being of those we know and those many more we do not know. God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

We remember before you our loved ones in need of your healing touch, remembering especially those on our St. Bart's prayer list:

Bobby; Charles; Kellan; Pat; Marcella; Tim; Sam; Matthew; Antonia; Al; Alex; Virginia & Jamil; Ed; Hannah; Mike; David; Sarah; Jenny & Matt; Adam; Rich, Nancy & Jonathan; Joan & Elizabeth; Perry; Jim; Matt & Shannon; Elaine; Sasha; Katie; Paige; Anne, Richard & family; Courtney; Dianne; Diane; Karl; Sudon, Aunt Niki; Sveta; Ron; Nathaniel; Boyd; Terry; and Celeste.

I invite your own intercessions, either silently or aloud, as well (pause for intercessions). God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

We remember those who have died but who are yet one with us in your everlasting love, especially Don Massey. Pray, beloved, for those who have died. I invite your own intercessions, either silently or aloud (pause for intercessions). God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

We thank you for the many blessings of this life. Give thanks for all that makes our hearts glad this day: I invite your thanksgivings, either silently or aloud: (pause for thanksgivings). God, in your mercy:

Receive our prayer.

Concluding Collect

People

Those things, O God, that your people have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant

Jesus said to the disciples: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' John 14:27

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant God's bountiful love and blessings are offered to us in great abundance. Let us, then, with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

Our offerings of bread and wine are brought forward at this time.

Offertory Anthem

When Jesus Wept

by William Billings

*When Jesus wept,
the falling tear
in mercy flowed
beyond all bound*

*When Jesus groaned,
a trembling fear
seized all the guilty
world around.*

Offertory Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,

People **All things come of Thee, O God, and of Thine own have we given Thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to our God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to Christ our Sovereign.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings though eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus, #255

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord, of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high -
est, ho - san - na in the high - est

the celebrant continues...

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints,
from every place and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer
Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People

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 forgive 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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant
People

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

Celebrant
People

Come, for all is now ready. The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive communion at St. Bart's! The ushers will invite you to come forward through the center aisle, individuals and families are invited to stand along the rounded edge of the chancel to receive the bread, hands facing upward for bread with gluten, hands facing down will indicate you'd like gluten free bread. The Chalice Bearers will follow the Priest with the chalice of wine. At this time, you are invited to sip from the cup but not to dip. If you would prefer not to sip from the cup, you may place your hands across your chest to receive the blessing of the words. If you would prefer to receive neither the bread nor the wine but would like to come forward for a blessing, please come forward as described above and simply cross your arms at your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Hand sanitizer is available in the aisle. Please use the side aisles to return to your seat once you have received.

Music at Communion

"Drop, drop slow tears"

by Orlando Gibbons

Drop, drop slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heav'n the news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

#547 Awake O sleeper

The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray together,

People God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

from St. Clare of Assisi

Celebrant Live without fear:
your Creator has made you holy,
has always protected you,
and loves you as a mother.
Go in peace to follow the good road
and may God's blessing be with you always.

People Amen.

Closing Hymn, #655

All my hope on God is founded

The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Out of the Depths I Call to Thee"

by J.S. Bach

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Roy Partridge	Altar Guild	Jamie Michaud
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer	Flower Arranger	Barbara Barhydt
Music Director	Dr. Christina Edelen	A/V	Arthur Woolverton
Musicians	The St. Bart's Choir	Counters	Susie Soule, Pam Hobson
Chalice Bearer	Joe Michaud	Snow Removal	Ed Simmons
Lector	Nancy Gunzelmann	VPOW	Anne Jacobs
Ushers	Nancy Gunzelmann, Pal Covie	Coffee Hour	Jay Reighley & Jamie Michaud

The flowers on the elements table today are a gift from the family of Don Massey in his memory.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Liturgy: The Holy Eucharist from *Enriching our Worship 1*

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