

Opening Hymn:

How Can I Keep from Singing

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My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation
I hear the real, though far-off, hymn that hails a new creation
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear that music ringing
It finds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing
All things are mine since I am His! How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death-knells ringing
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging
When saints by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

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Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the People

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

All kneeling the Officiant and People say

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.

Officiant

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us
in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in
eternal life. **Amen**

Invitatory

All stand.

Officiant O Lord, open our lips;
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit;
People As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise the Lord.
People The Lord's name be praised.

The Venite Psalm 95

Officiant The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: *
People **O come let us adore him.**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.**

They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
**Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."**

So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

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People **O come let us adore him.**

THE APPOINTED PSALM

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

² **Lord, hear my voice!**

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

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ **But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ **my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ **It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

One or more lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, the thirty-seventh chapter,

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

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

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

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Bridges, Thring, Elvey

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love
Behold His hands and side
Those wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
All hail Redeemer, hail
For Thou hast died for me
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity

Romans 8:6-11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans, the eighth chapter, beginning in the sixth verse

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For 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, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But 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. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

No Grave Can Hold My Body Down

Claude Ely

No grave can hold my body down
No grave can hold my body down
When I hear that trumpet sound
I'll get up from the ground
No grave can hold my body down

Well early on that morning
At the break of day
Angels came from glory
And Rolled the stone away
When the women came along
The Savior, He was gone
No grave can hold my body down

Well look way down the river
What do you think I see
I see a band of angels
And they're coming after me
Meet me, Jesus, meet me
Meet me in the middle of the clouds
I'm going to rise to meet my Lord
When the angel calls out loud

You can take me to the graveyard
And lay my body down
But on resurrection morning
I'll get up from the ground
When the night is almost gone
And the day is coming on
No grave can hold my body down

John 11:1-45

A Reading from the Gospel of John, the eleventh chapter

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."

⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸ The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹² The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

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

²⁸ 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.” ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ 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. ³² 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.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ 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.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² 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.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ 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.”

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

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: The Rev. Jon Ziegler

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Cantor Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

Together **Christe Eleison** (Christ, have mercy)

Cantor Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and 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 Suffrages

Officiant O Lord, show your mercy upon us;
People **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, guide those who govern us;
People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
People **And let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant O Lord, save your people;
People **And bless your inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
People **And defend us by your mighty power.**

Prayer to the Trinity

N.T. Wright, Marty Reardon

Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
Set up your kingdom in our midst.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God:
Have mercy on me, a sinner.
O Holy Spirit, breath of the living God:
Would you renew me and all the world.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.**

A Collect for Strength to Await Christ's Return (Sunday)

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by

this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and strengthen us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Supplication

O Lord, arise and help us;
And deliver us for your Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebears have declared to us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the time before them.

O Lord, arise and help us;
And deliver us for your Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen.**

O Lord, arise and help us;
And deliver us for your Name's sake.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
Graciously behold our afflictions.

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;
Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

With favor hear our prayers;
O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Be pleased to hear us, O Christ;
Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

The Officiant prays

Look mercifully, O Father, on our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, rescue us from all those evils we now endure; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, serving you in holiness and purity of life, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those prevented from making Holy Communion

Take a moment to meditate on the sacrificial death of Savior Jesus Christ, how he gave his body and shed his blood for us, and how he makes himself present to us in the Eucharist when we gather around his Table.

After a moment of meditative silence, together we pray

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you

sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. Amen.

A Collect for Mission.

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the Cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Officiant

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn:

In Christ Alone

Getty, Townsend

In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save

'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns, or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ, I'll stand

The Dismissal

Officiant

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**