



*The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV*

March 26, 2023

The Holy Eucharist: Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:15 AM

Celebrant and Preacher: The Very Rev. Marjorie S. Bevans

Assisting today: Acolytes: Yazmin Allander, Kaitlyn Foggin, Aubrey Smith

Lessons: Kaitlyn Foggin

Service Assistant: Bob Crocker

Welcome Center: Ava & Larry James

Pianist: David Cooper

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional Hymn #495

“Hail, thou once despised Jesus!”

*In Babilone*

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures forever.

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie #S96

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

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

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel (37:1-14) (Bible – Old Testament – pg. 625)

“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, 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.” 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 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. 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.”

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 130

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 supplication.

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 redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:6-11) (Bible – New Testament – pg. 120)

“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.”

*Reader*           The word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

The Gradual #508

“Breathe on me, Breath of God”

*Nova Vita*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (11:1-45) (Bible, pg. 80)

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“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."

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

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Marjorie S. Bevans

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People – Form I

*Celebrant*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List*

The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	John Lathrop - healing
Amanda Morris – healing	Gene Sheppard - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Sally Davis – healing	Melanie Parrish – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Chris Heckman – MS	Mitch Forrester - healing
David Cottrill - healing	Carol Lathrop – healing	Ann Stevens – healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Art Bennett – strength
Diane Cottrill – healing	Rosie Lathrop – healing	Danny Satow - healing
Gary Stanley – recovering from heart surgery		

*Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces*

Nathan Jones, Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

*Those needing healing from cancer*

Glen Kirk	Steve Wilson	Jean Singer	Kathy Castevetere	Judy McCoy
Phyllis Williams	Colette Pawlik	Paul Rutledge	Tabitha Arceneaux	Cleve Wigal
David White	Becky Winans	Roy Trembly	Jennifer Conaway	John Stevens

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Peterkin Camp & Conference Center

**Confession**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

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.

*The Priest stands and says*

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

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**The Holy Communion**

Offertory Anthem “Draw us in the Spirit’s Tether” (*choir*) *Friedel*

The Presentation #380 (vs. 3) “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow” *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer D**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

*Celebrant and People*

Sanctus #S130

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

**The Great Amen** (*led by the choir*)

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

*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Response:* Therefore let us keep the feast.

**Fraction Anthem #S164**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds.*

**Spiritual Communion** (*Prayer offered by Mother Marjorie on behalf of our online participants.*)

**Communion Hymn #335**

“I am the bread of life”

*I am the Bread of Life*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthday blessings: *none*

## The Blessing

Closing Hymn #665

“All my hope on God is founded”

Michael

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Alpha Course** continues Tuesday, March 28 at 6PM. This is this year’s Lenten program. We begin with dinner at 6PM, followed by small group conversation, concluding by 8PM. There is a sign-up sheet for the Potluck Supper in the Welcome Center. Each unit stands alone so if you missed last week it is still fine to come this week. The topic this week is “Why and how do I pray?”

**Easter Offering** – This year’s collection will be split between the Open Sky Arts Collective and Episcopal Relief and Development for earthquake relief in Turkey & Syria. More details will be in this week’s edition of the “Shepherd’s Staff” newsletter. You may use your Easter envelope or send a check with “Easter Offering” in the memo line.

**Easter Flowers** – If you would like to give a lily in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, please use your Easter Flower envelope or put a check in the offering plate with “Easter Flowers” in the memo section. (Please keep separate from your pledge.) Be sure to include a note as to what you would like in the flower insert in the bulletin. *The Easter Flower deadline is April 2<sup>nd</sup>*. There is no set price for your donation of a lily. However, to decorate the way we are accustomed, they will cost the church approximately \$1,365. Please be as generous as you can afford.

**Last Sunday Supper** – Please join us TODAY as we prepare a hot meal for our neighbors. We will begin set-up and cooking at 1PM and serve at 5:30PM. All servers are asked to be here by 5:15 PM. Come help all day or just an hour. Any help will be appreciated.

**Spring Cleaning?** The Rummage Room would be happy to have your gently used spring clothing, linens, housewares and Easter décor. Call the office so we can help you unload Monday – Thursday 9-12AM or 1-4PM. The next sale is March 31 & April 1 so please bring your donations no later than tomorrow or Tuesday.

**Watch Vigil** – Every year we have a Watch Vigil from 9PM on Maundy Thursday until 3PM on Good Friday. Just as Jesus asked his disciples “Can you not keep watch with me for even one hour?, we ask “Can you not find even one hour to pray at our side altar during the time that Jesus was arrested, condemned and crucified?” The sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center. We will have a buddy system in place to help you get safely in and out of our locked building.

**Reading Camp** – We would like to resume this program to help struggling elementary age students be better prepared for the next school year – both in skills and self-confidence. Linda would like a couple of people to join her in planning. Camp would be the week of August 7-11 or 14-18.