



Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am
March 29, 2020
Zion Lutheran Church
Camas, Washington
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Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Invocation

P: We start today as we start any day.
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom 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 Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: ***have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and
humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known
and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to
do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that
we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have
been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

WORD

Bible Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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. 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, 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." 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 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. 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."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

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." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus 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. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." ²⁸When 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." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met

him. ³¹The 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. ³²When 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." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The 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." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Silence for reflection

Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, We come to Your throne of mercy, bowed down and wearied by the weight of suffering and disaster visited upon the world. We plead boldly for protection of all in our hour of need. Turn our hearts and minds to you, that we might find peace through the cleansing of Jesus' blood. Let us, children of your grace courageously speak to this needy world. Make us an instrument of Your peace in a world of confusion, and crisis, help us be witness to the power of faith in a world

lost in unbelief, and a bearer of the joy that overcomes the sorrow. Grant to the leaders of this nation and all the nations of the world wise counsel, calm thinking, and collaboration. Amid the tumult of disaster, build Your kingdom here. Because of Your grace, we are not altogether lost but find peace and forgiveness in You. We stand in solidarity with the whole world. O Lord, give us the grace to seek You, trust You, and confess You; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

A Time for Peace

**please share a time of peace online with one another using the chat comments or with someone next to you or spend this time in prayer*

Healing of the Nations – a candlelight meditation

Music -- Pat Hagensen, Patrick Murphy

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

“You Are Mine”

Silence for reflection

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

A Time for Prayer

Pr. Susan

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

Benediction

P: May you be blessed into the week to come— with tenderness for your sorrows, energy for your hope, a sweet awareness of the world around you, and recognition of the presence of God in this time of rest. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P: Be at peace. Christ is with you.

C: ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude/Silent Meditation