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MARCH 29, 2020  
5 P.M.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
Houston, Texas

# The Fifth Sunday of Lent

## The Holy Eucharist

*five o'clock in the evening*

THE REV. BECKY ZARTMAN, *Canon Missioner for Welcome and Evangelism*  
Officiant

*We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship.*

INTERLUDE ON A TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH TUNE

### *The Word of God*

*The Officiant begins*

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise of thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear God's holy Word proclaimed, to bring before God our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of the Spirit we may serve God and know the greatness of God's love.

*Officiant* The Lord is here.

*People* **God's Spirit is with us.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

*Reader* A Reading from the first Book of Ezekiel.

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, “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.” 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## INTERLUDE ON AN IRISH TUNE BY TURLOUGH O’CAROLAN

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1–45

*Deacon* A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

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 Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE REFLECTION

The Very Rev. Barkley S. Thompson, Dean

INTERLUDE ON A SCOTTISH FIDDLE TUNE

## EXPRESSION OF FAITH

Lord, you have always given bread for the coming day;  
**And though I am poor, today I trust in you.**

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;  
**And though I am weak, today I trust in you.**

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;  
**And though of anxious heart, today I trust in you.**

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;  
**And now, tried as I am, today I trust in you.**

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day;  
**And though it may be hidden, today I trust in you.**

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;  
**And though the night is here, today I trust in you.**

Lord, You have always spoken when time was ripe;  
**And though you may be silent now, today I trust in you.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Leader begins*

Pray for this fragile earth, our island home. Pray that we would be its good stewards and it would withstand our abuse.

*Silence*

Pray for the Church. Pray that where it is right God will strengthen it, and where it is in error God will direct it. Pray that God will fill the Church with all truth and peace.

*Silence*

Pray for the joy of human life, with all its wonder and surprises. Pray we would remember that all people are created in the very image of God.

*Silence*

Pray for the poor, the destitute, and the dying, in the full knowledge that God looks with special favor upon those in greatest need.

*Silence*

Pray for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

*Silence*

Pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and for the promise of the next. Pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not only by our words but by our deeds.

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins.

**God of all mercy,  
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.**

*Officiant*

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

## INTERLUDE ON AN IRISH HYMN TUNE

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the Son of God to you. Deep peace, deep peace.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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### *The Book of Remembrance*

This week we remember Mary Ann Sledge Weems.

### *The Beauty of Flowers*

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Cindi Blakely by her family.

The flowers in the floor vases are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life and work of Ardell Ray Jr.




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# Welcome

## Sunday, March 29, 2020

### *Announcements*

- ❖ **The Robert C. Stuart Lenten Series meets this evening on Zoom** • Download the Zoom app to your smartphone, mobile device, or computer, and join the discussion today at 6 p.m. Once you have downloaded the app, go to <https://zoom.us/j/790668858>, Meeting ID: 790 668 858, or call 346-248-7799.
- ❖ **Connect with the Cathedral digitally** • Go to our website, [www.christchurchcathedral.org](http://www.christchurchcathedral.org), to learn about how you can connect with the Cathedral on Facebook, Instagram, Zoom, and elsewhere. It's easier than you think, it's fun, and it's a really wonderful way to stay connected to your community and engage your faith. There are opportunities for adults, youth, and children on a variety of platforms. It's worth trying out if you haven't already. Talk to your ministry leader to find out more about how your small groups are connecting.
- ❖ **Every weekday at 12:05 p.m., go to Facebook for a live worship service** • Our intrepid priests are going to have a live video every weekday for Noonday Prayer. Leave a comment and we will pray for you. Go to [facebook.com/cccathedraltx](https://facebook.com/cccathedraltx) to see thefor Noonday Prayer.
- ❖ **Need pastoral care? Want to help others?** • Get in touch with Minister for Pastoral Care Jody Gillit at 713-590-3319 (office) or 832-691-4775 (mobile). We want to hear from you.
- ❖ **How to make a donation online** • It is simple to make a donation on the Cathedral website. Look for the tab at the top of the site that says, "Give." Click on the tab for a variety of ways to make a gift to the Cathedral. If you have questions, contact Chief Administrative Officer and Minister for Stewardship Karen Kraycirik at [kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org](mailto:kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org) or 713-590-3338.
- ❖ **There are several digital ways for our youth and children to connect to the Cathedral** • Go to our website to learn more about the Way of Love podcast, Zoom Seed and Root Groups, Zoom Sunday School, and others. Look for the banner on the homepage that says, "How to connect to the Cathedral online" as well as the button that says "Zoom online small groups."
- ❖ **Support the Cathedral Youth Program by giving to the Giving Tree** • The Giving Tree is the annual fundraiser for Cathedral Youth that supports young people doing mission work in the U.S. and abroad. Please join your Cathedral family in donating on our website (under "Registrations").
- ❖ **Lenten meditations are available via email and social media** • Lenten meditations from Episcopal Relief & Development are available via email via the links in the weekly enews, and Lenten practices from the Society of St. John the Evangelist are available via Instagram on the Cathedral accounts (@cccathedraltx).

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