



# Transfiguration Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

## OPENING HYMN #493, VS. 1, 3, 6

## O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
6 Glo - ry to God and praise and love be now and ev - er given

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
6 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*      **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF PURITY

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Let us pray together.

**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.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## SONG OF PRAISE: TRISAGION

#S100, DAVID HURD

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

Ho - ly and Mortal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,

Ho - ly and Mighty, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy

up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Mighty - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**  
*Presider*      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 WORD OF GOD

*The people are seated*

## THE FIRST 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. 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, "Prophesy 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 130

*All remain seated as we say the Psalm together.*

**Out of the depths have I called to you; O God, hear my voice; \***  
**let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

**If you were to note what is done amiss, \***  
**O God, who could stand?**

**For there is forgiveness with you, \***  
**therefore you shall be feared.**

**I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you; \***  
**in your word is my hope.**

**My soul waits for you, more than sentries for the morning, \***  
**more than sentries for the morning.**

**O Israel, wait upon God, \***  
**for with God there is mercy.**

**With God there is plenteous redemption; \***  
**God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

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## THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:6-11

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN #511

## HOLY SPIRIT, EVER LIVING

*The People stand as they are able.*

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's  
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing  
 min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er  
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with  
 bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.  
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**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.

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

*A period of silence is kept.*

THE REV. JENNIFER HORNBECK

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## FROM THE NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK

*The People stand as they are able.*  
**You, O God, are supreme and holy.**  
**You create our world and give us life.**  
**Your purpose overarches everything we do.**  
**You have always been with us.**  
**You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,**  
good beyond all measure.  
**You came to us before we came to you.**  
**You have revealed and proved**  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
**You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.**  
**You empower us to be your gospel in the world.**  
**You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.**  
**You are our God. We worship You. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Presider** Brothers and sisters, live as children of the light—for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true. Let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Light of the world, **open our eyes.**”
- Leader** Lord our Shepherd, you have given your Church all that we need. Rain down on us mightily with your Spirit, that we may testify to the astonishing things you have done in our lives.
- We invite you to offer your own thanksgivings either silently or aloud.
- Silence*
- People** Light of the world,  
**open our eyes.**
- Leader** God, you are present in the valley of the shadow of death. Comfort all those around the world who know danger or violence or war. By your love, cast out all evil and fear.
- Silence*
- People** Light of the world,  
**open our eyes.**

- Leader Lord, you make us to lie down in green pastures; you lead us by still waters. You have blessed us with a beautiful planet. May we work to preserve the holy gift of nature.
- Silence*
- People Light of the world,  
**open our eyes.**
- Leader Lord, spread a table for those who are hungry; where there is scarcity and need in our neighborhoods, fill empty hearts, lives, and cups with your abundance. By your light expose all the unfruitful works of darkness.
- Silence*
- People Light of the world,  
**open our eyes.**
- Leader God of life, pursue the sick and sorrowful with your goodness and mercy. Reveal your works in those who are suffering. Make yourself known as Healer.
- We invite you to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.
- Silence*
- People Light of the world,  
**open our eyes.**
- Leader Revivor of Souls, give to the dying and the dead your promise of new and unending life. May we one day live with them forever in the light of Christ.
- Silence*
- People Light of the world,  
**open our eyes.**
- Presider O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.**

*Presider*

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

## THE PEACE

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

*People*      **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSINGS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Presider*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

## OFFERTORY HYMN #411

## O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL

*The people stand as they are able.*

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
 whose grace hath made thee whole,  
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;

Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Spi - rit, One. A - men.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

*Presider*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*The Presider and People sing together*

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **Amen.**

*Presider*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

**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

*A period of silence is kept.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*All* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Presider*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to share Communion (or receive a blessing in which case, please cross your arms in front of your chest as a sign to the minister). If you need gluten-free bread, it will be provided. We have returned to the common cup, which is optional. Please refrain from intincting (dipping bread in the wine).*

*Please come forward to receive the Eucharist.*

## COMMUNION HYMN WLP#825

## BLESS THE LORD MY SOUL

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time (indicated by '4'). The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The key signature is one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music. The first section of the hymn starts with 'Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second section starts with 'Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.' The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and '(p)' (fortissimo). A circled 'G' with a sharp symbol is placed over a note in the bass line of the second section.

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider and 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.**

## BLESSING

*The Presider blesses the congregation with appropriate words.*

## FINAL HYMN #347

## GO FORTH FOR GOD

1 Go forth for God; go\_\_\_\_\_ to the world in peace;  
2 Go forth for God; go\_\_\_\_\_ to the world in love;  
3 Go forth for God; go\_\_\_\_\_ to the world in strength;  
4 Go forth for God; go\_\_\_\_\_ to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,  
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;  
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;  
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,  
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove  
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length  
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in his king - dom we\_\_\_\_\_ be - hold his face.  
his love sup - plies the grace\_\_\_\_ and power we seek.  
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.  
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

## DISMISSAL

*Presider*      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

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Second Reading: Gari Patton  
Prayers of the People: Michele Charles  
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