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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Lent dates back to the 2nd century and was an established season in the church by the 4th century. Originally it was probably a time of preparation for baptism-with the baptisms taking place on the eve of Easter. This time of preparation would have included study, prayer, and fasting. The 40 day season became a time of repentance where we affirm our promise in baptism to resist and denounce evil and all things that lead us away from God. To this day the season of Lent is a time for us to discipline and refocus our Christian walk. Sunday worship during Lent will focus on aiding us in our Lenten discipline.

Prelude

THE GATHERING

P: Welcome in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The season of Lent is a time to reflect on our need for God's grace, our need for wholeness, our need for restoration in our relationships, our need for God's presence in our lives. Please join in a few moments of silence as we come before God and prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

(time of silence)

P: In peace let us come before God

C: Musical notation for the first line of the prayer. It consists of a single staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy.

P: For peace in our lives, our relationships and our world, we come to you

C: Musical notation for the second line of the prayer, identical to the first line. The lyrics are: Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy.

P: For pardon for our sin, our dissension, and our self-centeredness, we come to you

C: Musical notation for the third line of the prayer, identical to the first line. The lyrics are: Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy.

P: For our broken relationships, our broken hearts and our broken world, we come to you

C: Musical notation for the fourth line of the prayer, identical to the first line. The lyrics are: Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy Lord have mer - cy.

P: Help us, save us, come to us now....

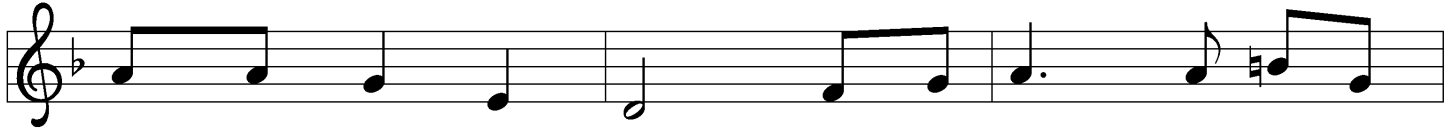
C: Musical notation for the word 'Amen'. It consists of a single staff in 4/4 time with a treble clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: A - men.

P: In the name of Jesus and for his sake, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sin.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
 God who lives beyond our death,
 hold us close through each tomorrow,
 love as near as every breath.

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Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray..... Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The 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, 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." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

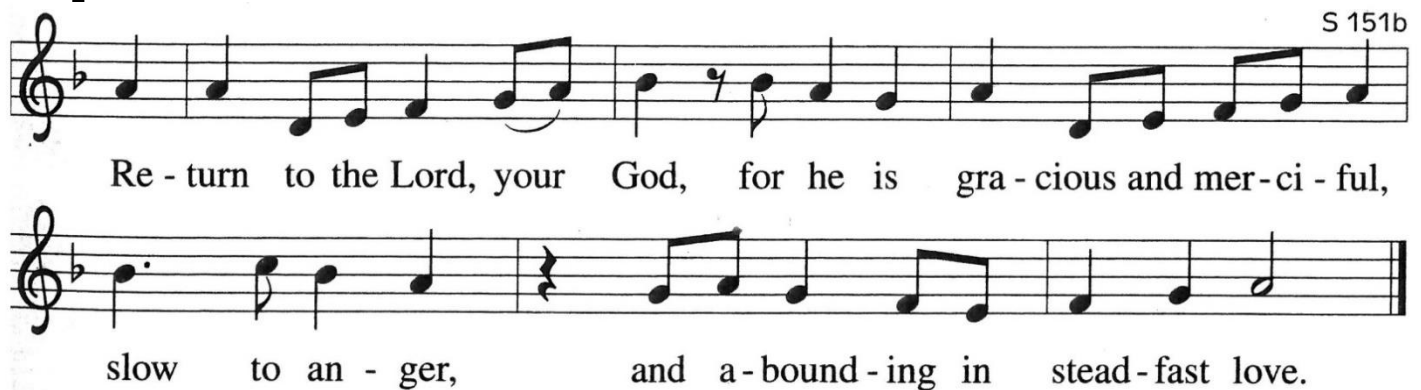
¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 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.”

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



S 151b

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel

John 11:1-45

¹Now 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.”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.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

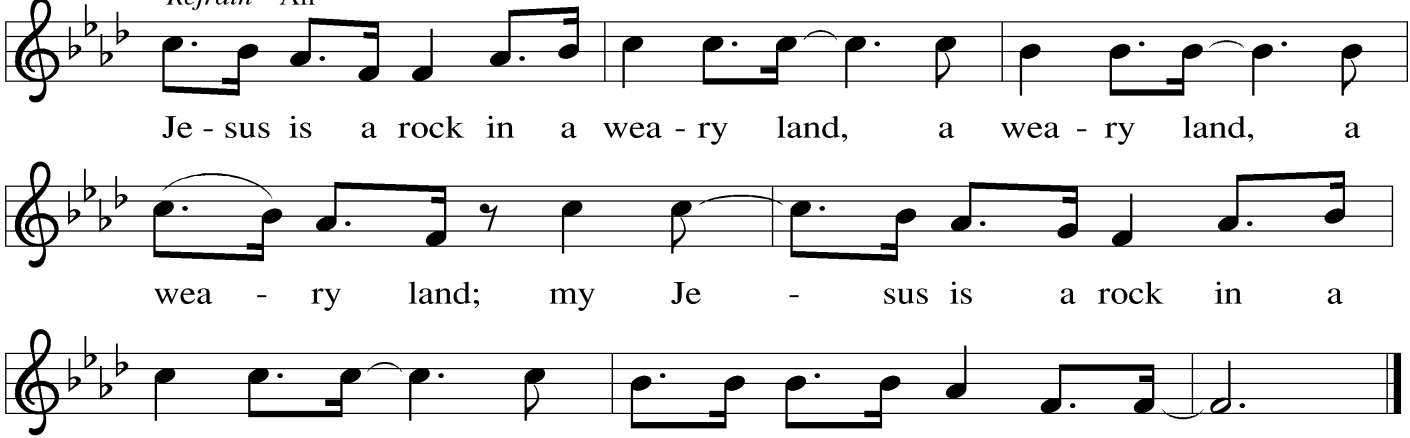
Pastor Jonathan

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land

ELW 333

Refrain – All




Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

Leader or All




1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -

Refrain



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
- to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory SLC Picker's "Keep on the Sunny Side"

Offering Response

Cre - ate in me a clean heart and re - new right spi-rit with
in me. Cast me not from thy pre - sence and take ____
____ not Thy Ho - ly Spir-rit From me

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray.

C: God of life, we give these offerings in gratitude and faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world. And with these offerings, we give ourselves. May we live with generous hearts and open hands. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer *(All)*

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

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn In the Sweet by and By

1. There's a land that is fair - er than day, And by
 2. We shall sing on that beau - ti - ful shore The me -
 3. To our boun - ti - ful Fa - ther a - bove We will

faith we can see it a - far, For the Fa - ther waits o - ver the
 lo - di - ous songs of the blest; And our spir - its shall sor - row no
 of - fer our trib - ute of praise For the glo - ri - ous gift of his

way To pre - pare us a dwell - ing place there.
 more— Not a sigh for the bless - ing of rest.
 love And the bless - ings that hal - low our days.

In the sweet by and by, We shall
 In the sweet by and by, by and by,

meet on that beau - ti - ful shore; In the
by and by,

sweet by and by, We shall
In the sweet by and by, by and by,

meet on that beau - ti - ful shore.

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Dismissal

L: We are grace filled

C: And Spirit led!

L: Abide in Peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**Next Week's Readings: Processional Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11,
Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11, Gospel: Matthew 26: 36-46**

**As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions:
Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work?**

Prayer and Care: Scott Grasmick, in the death of his Aunt Evelyn. All those health professionals dealing with the Corona virus outbreak and people dealing with the loss of jobs and the loss of loved ones.

Recovering from illness/surgery: Treena Stanley, Priscilla LaCroix, Joe Gierke, Sue Bernhardt.

Facing Cancer: Cathy Bohman, Karen McQuillan, Cindy Harness, Jim Weisbrodt, Alan Rue, John Ackenhusen, Elizabeth Domahidy, Dave Ryan, Jim McKelvy, Ron Maddux, Kathy Schaeffer, and Carol Wales.

Deployed & Military Support & their families: Jillian Radtke, Bradley Schaeffer, Aaron Gray, Rebecca Mackey, Eric Fromm, Megan Seawolf, Jared Cain, Andrew Catron, David Wooten and all their families.

Continued Prayer: Dori Pitts, Jessica Godfrey, Lucile Lampi, George & Darlene Gillies, Peggy Grigg, Mary Huff, Ace Edwards, Hilma Bridges, Matt Ryan, Web Rhodes, Randy Fossum, Clara Barr, Marilyn Running, Fran Maeirt, Dave Hagen, Craig Messett, Laura Gessner, Arlene Phillips, Jadon Sansgaard, Don Leonardy, John and Nancy Matronic, Jean & Bill Locke & Michael Klein.

Remembering all who are homebound or in ill health.