

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023—8:30am



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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

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Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.
+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

“Come Alive (Dry Bones)”
arr. Morgan N. Hatfield

+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God’s mercy

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ’s name, and revives you in the Spirit’s power. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

“Jesus, Friend of Sinners”

There is a voice that must be heard.
There is a song that must be sung.
There is a name that must be lifted high.
There is a treasure more than gold.
There is a King upon the throne.
There is One whose praise will fill the skies.

Refrain: His name is Jesus, friend of sinners.
Jesus, Jesus, friend of mine.

There is a peace that calms our fears.
There is a love stronger than death.
There is a hope that goes beyond the grave.
There is a friend who won't let go.
There is a heart that beats for you.
There is one name by which we are saved.

When I was captive to my fears
You were the One who came to me
You set me free

Friend of mine. Friend of mine.

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+ Prayer of the Day

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+ Word +
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

+ Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and
mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

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+ Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

“Graves to Gardens”

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Refrain: Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You, Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all, and You still call me
friend
'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley
And there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can
You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can

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+ Nicene Creed

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+ Prayers of Intercession

sung refrain: "O God, We Call" ACS#1075

O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.

Linnea Good, b. 1962

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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Checks can be also be sent to church:
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+ Offering Prayer

+ Great Thanksgiving

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+ Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

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+ Invitation to Communion

Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace

When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.

Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.

Communion Song

Bread for the Journey



1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

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Music: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY, Bret Hesla

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+Sending+

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

“Glorious Day”

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight? It was my tomb 'til I met You.

I was breathing but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide. It was my tomb 'til I met You.

You called my name, (and) I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, (and) I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. Now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory. I needed shelter. I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of Heaven. When I was broken, You were my healing; now Your love is the air that I'm breathing. I have a future. My eyes are open, ('cause when)

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+ Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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