# The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



## For Every Heart a Home

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

## Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie Liturgist: Carolyn Rocco

Welcome to worship! If you are visiting or here for the first time and would like to stay in touch with us, please consider filling in one of the contact cards that you will find alongside the hymnals or you can use this QR code. These can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. Church School for children happens during the 10:30am worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.



All are welcome at the Lord's table. The gluten free bread and grape juice will be served together during the distribution. Please wait to eat and drink together on the Pastor's cue. He will say "the body of Christ", then we eat. "The blood of Christ", and then we drink.

#### **Prelude**

**Welcome and Sharing the Peace** 

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Announcements** 

**Call to Worship** 

\*Hymn 246

Christ is Alive! (see page 10)

Prayer of Approach and Confession (unison)

Liturgist

God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because God loved us first. And so in a moment of quiet we confess the details of our lives, trusting that God will hear us, and cherishes us.

Silence . . .

#### **Kyrie Eleison**

Martin sings: Kyrie Eleison
Congregation, Choir & Cantor: Kyrie Eleison
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#### 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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory, forever. AMEN

#### **Collect for the Day**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

#### **Choir Anthem**

Dry Bones, trad. arranged by Mark Hayes

There was a man named Ezekiel who lived many years ago. He was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley full of old, dry bones. Then Ezekiel was asked by the Lord Most High, "Can these bones ever be revived?" After pondering this question, this is what he said, "Only the Lord God knows." So the Lord commanded Ezekiel to speak unto these bones, "Now hear the word of the Lord!" Ezekiel cried, "Dem dry bones." Ezekiel cried, "Dem dry bones." Ezekiel cried, "Dem dry bones. Now hear the word of the Lord!" Ezekiel connected dem dry bones. Now hear the word of the Lord. So the bones were connected by the power of the Lord when Ezekiel spoke the command. But the bones had no breath, so the Lord God said, "Call the winds from across the lands." Then Ezekiel called to the spirit in the winds to revive those bones on the ground. With a mighty sound those bones rose up and began to walk around! Ezekiel connected dem dry bones. The toe bone connected to the foot bone. The foot bone connected to the ankle bone. The ankle bone connected to the leg bone. The leg bone connected to the knee bone. The knee bone connected to the thigh bone. The thigh bone connected to the hip bone. The hip bone connected to the back bone. The back bone connected to the shoulder bone. The shoulder bone connected to the neck bone. The neck bone connected to the head bone. Now hear the word of the Lord! Hallelu, Glory Hallelujah! Dem bones, dem bones gonna walk around. Glory Hallelujah! Hear the word of the Lord!

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

\*Hymn 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies (see page 11)

**Reading** John 21:1-19 Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to

him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

\*Hymn 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (see pages 12-13)

Sermon Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Sharing our Gifts** during which we hear *Laudamus Te* by Antonio Vivaldi

Laudamus te We praise You
Benedicimus te We bless You
Adoramus te We adore You
Glorificamus te We glorify You

If you are visiting or would like to make an extra offering on top of your usual contribution to the church, you can use your smart phone to scan this QR code to make a donation by credit card (3% surcharge) or by debit card (no surcharge). Cash and check donations are always acceptable!



#### \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Dedication Prayer** 

Liturgist

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine has been made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who may feel that you have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

\*Song We Are Coming, Lord, to the Table (see page 14-15)

#### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home.

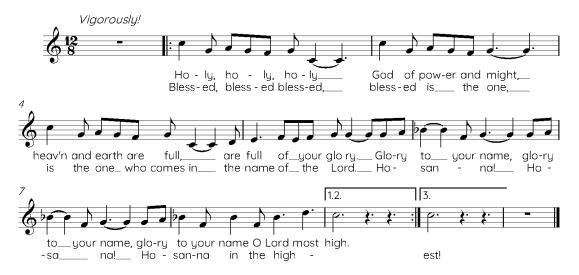
In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Sanctus and Benedictus (sung by all)

#### Sanctus & Benedictus

John L. Bell



(the congregation sits)

#### **Telling the Story**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled.
Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made.
Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.
Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.
At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,

he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:

"Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you, and for all,

that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.

We recall his blessed passion and death,

his glorious resurrection and ascension;

and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

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and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

(unison)

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your life-giving power, they may be for us spiritual food and drink, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Pastor:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.** 

#### **Agnus Dei**

Jesus, Lamb of God

Have mercy on us

Jesus bearer of our sins

Have mercy upon us

Jesus redeemer of the world

Grant us your peace.

#### **Sharing the Bread and Wine**

(The Elders will serve the bread and wine to you in your seats. Please wait to eat and drink all together)

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

#### **Post-Communion Prayer (Unison)**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn Now We Are Nourished (see page 16)

Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

#### **Postlude**

\*Those who are able, please stand.



#### 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies 1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? so - lace here 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -4 Be this, while life mine, my can - ti - cle di be praised! cries: may sus Christ Christ be praised! find: may Je -Or sus be praised! sound: may Ie -Christ Let sus be praised! Christ Ве vine: may Je sus like at work and prayer to Je - sus re fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is and sea and sky from depth to height re air this thee - ter - nal song through all the a ges

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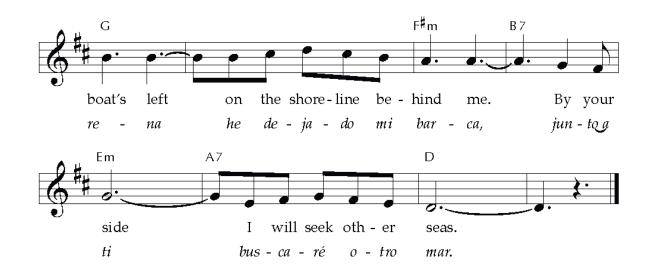
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## 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore





# We are coming, Lord, to the table











#### Now We Are Nourished



#### **Announcements**

# NEXT SUNDAY Joint Intergenerational Worship 10:30am in the Sanctuary

**Livestreaming of Worship.** Today's service is broadcast live online. You can watch the service again later via our website homepage if you wish to. Huge thanks to our entire technical team.

**TONIGHT - Cinco De Mayo Dinner Party** at 5pm in the Church House. Sign up for the fun on the sheet in the Narthex.

**Community Choir**. Next rehearsal is Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary at 7pm.

THIS WEDNESDAY May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12noon in the Church House The hidden and unacknowledged story of the Armenian Genocide. Rev. Joe Garabedian Pastor of the Armenian Presbyterian Church at Paramus will visit to help us to understand this important and shocking period of history.

**Celebrity Organ Concert!** Thanks to sponsorship from the Van Poznak and Cooper families we are launching a series of celebrity organ recitals. The first is THIS Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm when we welcome Joseph Ferguson from Princeton. This one will be extra special as the first half will be performed in the Chapel and the second half in the Sanctuary. The series honors the late Beatrice Van Poznak and Bob and Margaret Cooper, who loved organ music. Free admission – spread the word!

**Blanket Sunday** As is our tradition here at PCAT on Mother's Day, please consider making a donation to *Church World Services* Blanket Sunday. Checks can be made payable to PCAT and note in the memo line "blanket". \$10 provides a blanket to someone in need. \$25 a blanket and hygiene kit. \$60 provides for an entire family. Thank you for your generosity.

**Adventures in Faith**: *The Song of the Church* Wednesdays May 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> at 12noon in the Church House. What do we sing in worship and why do we sing it? Come along and find out! Bring your lunch if you like – drinks and treats provided.

**PresbyReaders** will meet on Sunday, May 18th at 4pm at Mary Jane Eimer's home to discuss Percival Everett's, *James*. All are welcome.

Summer Clothing Drive for Greater Faith Works. The weather is getting warmer and the perfect time to clean out our closets and storage bins! If you have summer clothes from adult down to toddler's sizes, please bring them to PCAT by Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Our goal is to get our goods into the hands that need them before Memorial Day. Please bring your washed donations in a plastic bag to the church office. PCAT has been supporting the efforts of Greater Faith Works, located in Paterson, and affiliated with the Presbyterian Church there in our efforts to do some of our mission work locally. Be on the lookout for out next effort to assemble backpacks for school children this summer! A big thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Mary Jane Eimer and Gillian Iappelli, Mission Co-chairs

**Tenafly 5K** Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. The mission team are looking for volunteers of all ages to help distribute water to the runners and walkers from 8:30am. Please contact Gillian lappelli at g\_iappelli@hotmail.com or Nancy in the office if you can help!

# Celebrity Organ Recital Joseph Ferguson, Princeton

Join us for a spectacular and beautiful afternoon of organ music as we blow some dust from our pipes!

# Sat. May 10th at 2pm

We are fortunate to have two pipe organs!
The recital starts in the Old Stone Chapel on the Aeolian-Skinner instrument, then moves to the Main Sanctuary for the second part on the Austin organ.

# FREE ENTRY

The first of a recital series sponsored by the families of Beatrice Van Poznak and Bob and Margaret Cooper, who loved organ music.

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