

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
ST/JOHN'S



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9:30 AM

## INTRODUCTION

*In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.*

## PRELUDE

## + Gathering +

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING HYMN

## O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -  
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you  
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -

a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -  
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to  
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.  
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.  
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621; arr. hymnal version  
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## GREETING

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

A LITANY OF SORROW & SIN

*Sung Kyrie (verse 1):*



1, 3	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2	Chris - te e - le - i - son.	Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3	Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.	Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.
2	Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.	Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.



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Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.	Lord, . . . . have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.	Christ, . . . . have mer - cy.

Music: Dinah Reindorf, b. c. 1927  
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Hear our lament, tenderhearted God. Receive our petitions, benevolent God.  
Forgive us our sins, preserve us from evil, and protect us in death.  
**Support us, mighty God.**

We have honored false gods, desecrated your name, devalued worship,  
disdained our elders, harmed both neighbors and nature,  
misused sexuality, cheated and stolen, lied and slandered,  
and coveted what you have given to others.  
**Forgive us, loving God.**

*Sung Christe (verse 2)*

From wrecking your creation, from contaminating space,  
from polluting the air, from endangering the animals,  
from abusing the soil, from harming the plants, and from fouling the waters,  
**Deliver us, merciful God.**

From nuclear destruction, from war between the nations,  
from strife within our country, from political repression,  
from prejudice and injustice, from riots in our streets,  
and from domestic violence,  
**Rescue us, gracious God.**

*Sung Kyrie (verse 1)*

From plague and disease, from hunger and thirst, from injury and infirmity,

from unemployment and homelessness, from ignorance and despair,  
from loneliness and fear, and from early or painful death,  
**Protect us, compassionate God.**

Loving God, merciful, gracious, compassionate,  
remember your promise to save:  
remember Cain, saved from revenge;  
remember Noah, saved from the flood;  
remember Hagar, saved from thirst;  
remember the Israelites, saved from slavery;  
remember Ruth, saved from starvation;  
and remember Naaman, saved from disease.  
**Remember your promise, O God.**

*Sung Christe (verse 2)*

Loving God, merciful, gracious, compassionate, we are the needy:  
we are Adam and Eve, expelled from the garden;  
we are Joseph, abandoned by his brothers;  
we are the slaves, pleading for freedom;  
we are Miriam, struck with leprosy;  
we are David, mourning our children;  
we are Jeremiah, alone in the pit;  
and we are Esther, begging for justice.  
**Save the needy, O God.**

We implore you, faithful God, to receive our petitions,  
as you hear the prayers of your Son, as you heed the groaning of your Spirit.  
**Have mercy, O God.**

*Sung Kyrie (verse 1)*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.  
**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.  
Amen.**

+ **Word** +

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>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."

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy 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." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>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.' <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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."

Word of God, word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*The congregation sings verses in bold.*



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<sup>1</sup>Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, | hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you | is forgiveness,**

**in order that you | may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

**<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

**<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall | redeem Israel  
from | all their sins.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

## GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” <sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>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." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>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. <sup>32</sup>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." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>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." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>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." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>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."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise Up, O Saints of God

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

PRAYERS C

*Response:*  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## + Thanksgiving +

### OFFERTORY

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### OFFERTORY HYMN

### Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

### 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 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.**

**+ Sending +**

**BLESSING**

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.  
 Holy God, † Speaking, Spoken, and Inspiring,  
 bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**Goodness Is Stronger than Evil**

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is  
 Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is  
 vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.  
 vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news!

**Thanks be to God!**

## VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

### SERVING TODAY

<i>Preaching &amp; Presiding Minister:</i>	The Rev. Allison Bengfort
<i>Music Director &amp; Pianist:</i>	Dr. Robert McConnell
<i>Soloist:</i>	Hannah McConnell
<i>Ministers of the Word:</i>	Jim Dossa, Cindi Rachowicz, Luke, Erin & Ben Rasmussen
<i>Virtual Usher:</i>	Luke Rasmussen

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Let us pray for the family of Ingrid Johnson, the family of Paul Hoffmann, the family of Matthew Green, Michael Rager (*Christi Wise*), Virginia Milnikel, Buck Crist, Susan Crist, Bob Oakes, Lani Miller, Doug Peters, Linda Bengfort, Fred Rudolphi, Steve Aschbacher (*Bill Kaspar*), the officers of the Rogers Park police district, Greyson Nester, the family of Tom Wendel, the family of Jean Prange, Dave & Sydney Fishburn (*Dave Brunn*), Chad Johnson, Ellie Basnik and Ross Johnson (*Chad Johnson*), the family of Paul Escamilla (*Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh*), Richard Thompson (*Sue Stanfa*), Sydney Johnson and her work, Mark Voosen, Margaux Tauszig (*Wolf Peddinghaus*), Ed Price (*Sarah Rink*), Jody Kretzmann (*Peter Knobel*), Jessica Sandoval (*the Radde family*).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Virtual Coffee Hour**

After today's online worship service, all will be invited to turn on your cameras (if applicable) and visit with one another. This holy chaos will give us an opportunity to hear each other's voices and check in during this time of physical separation.

#### **Book Club**

The Women's Book Club has selected "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee. This epic historic novel & National Book Award Winner will be discussed when current circumstances change.

#### **Calendar**

Have a question about whether an upcoming event has been cancelled or moved to an online format? Check our calendar at <http://stjohnswilmette.org/calendar-1> for the most up-to-date information!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

9:30 AM

Online Worship with Children's Message

7:00-8:15 PM

Confirmation Online (kids only)

### WEDNESDAY

10:00-11:00 AM

Bible Study Online

### SATURDAY

5:00 PM

Candlelight Service Online

# Holy Week at ST/JOHN'S

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Palm Sunday  
April 5th, 9:30am



Maundy Thursday  
April 9th, 7pm



Good Friday  
April 10th, 7pm



Easter Vigil  
April 11th, 5pm  
Easter Sunday  
April 12th, 9:30am

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