

# Worship Bulletin

Sunday, 3/29/20

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Quote/Prayer for Meditation: "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." - Ezekiel 37:14 NRSV

Greeting and Passing of the Peace

Announcements: Rev. Chris Scrivens

Prelude: ["Emmanuel," composed by Bob McGee](#)

## Gathering Around the Word

Call to Worship:

Almighty God,  
your Son came into the world  
to free us all from sin and death.

**Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,  
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: #167 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/167>

Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy,  
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
and great when we are small.  
We have failed in love,  
neglected justice,  
and ignored your truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

## **Proclaiming the Word**

### **Scripture Lessons:**

Hebrew Bible: Psalm 130: Deacon Michelle Scrivens

Gospel: John 11:1-45: Katie Rundzieher

### **Psalm 130:0-8 NRSV**

“A Song of Ascents. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. ”

## John 11:1-45 NRSV

“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."

**Sermon:** "Is Christ Among Us?"

**Hymn: #286 "Breathe on Me Breath of God" <https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/286>**

## **Responding to the Word**

### **Litany for Lent**

O Christ,  
out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope;  
you are patient and full of mercy;  
you are generous to all who call upon you.

**Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, fountain of life and holiness,  
you have taken away our sins.  
On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities.

**Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort,  
our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:

**Save us, Lord.**

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you,  
and joy of all the saints:

**Save us, Lord.**

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**grant us peace.**

God of love,  
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you,  
living according to your holy will.  
Keep our feet firmly in the way  
where Christ leads us;  
make our mouths speak the truth  
that Christ teaches us;  
fill our bodies with the life  
that is Christ within us.  
In his holy name we pray. **Amen.**

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["Song of Offering," composed by Brent Chambers](#)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (debts): Rev. Chris Scrivens

Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn: 634 "To God be the Glory" <https://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/634>

Benediction: Rev. Chris Scrivens

Postlude: ["Something Beautiful," composed by William J. Gaither & Gloria Gaither](#)

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