

# ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent



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## Service of Holy Eucharist

**Prelude**

*Ciacone in E minor*

**Dietrich Buxtehude**

**Processional**

*Awake, my soul*

**Hymnal #11**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP, p. 351**

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People:* **His mercy endures forever.**

**Confession and Absolution**

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen.**

**Kyrie**

**Hymnal #S-91**

**The Collect**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Reading**

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

**Wilmar Jennings**

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. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 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."

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. 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. Then he said to me, "Prophesy 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.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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.’ 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. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 130**

**BCP, p. 784**

**The Second Reading**

**Romans 8:6-11**

**Ed Boyer**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**The Gradual Hymn**

*The glory of these forty days*

**Hymnal #143**

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 11:1-45**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

**Rev. Julie Hanavan**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP, p. 358**

**Prayers of the People**

**Chip Smith**

We pray for peace in the world, the Peace that only You can grant, Peace among nations Peace among the churches, Peace within families, and Peace in our hearts.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

For our elected officials and all who govern and lead this nation, that they may work with wisdom and cooperation for the benefit of all the communities to which we belong. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the whole world including the US and Africa, and those nations that are suffering from war, civil wars, and hunger. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the health of the planet, that it may be healed along with all living things. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

O Lord, we ask for courage to be more compassionate to our neighbor and thank you for your generous and kind guidance to make us a more loving people. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we pray for those who are sick and ill, both mentally and physically. Send you healing power on their bodies and minds, and give them peace, grace, and strength to recover and be grateful to you. We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, and Theo. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Victor, Phil, John Flinton, Fontella, James, John Dunning, Peter Thoits, Lee, Rachael, Zo, and Chris Moss.

In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died. May God grant them eternal Peace. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Sylvester Kpeh, Jr. In your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

## **The Peace**

### **Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory**

*Lord, have mercy*

**Harold Darke**

**Presentation Hymn.** *Somebody's knocking at your door*

**LEVAS # 100**

**Eucharistic Prayer** (*see card in pew*)

### **Sanctus**

**Hymnal # S-114**

### **Memorial Acclamation**

**Community Mass p. 4**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP, p. 364**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Agnus Dei*

**Hymnal # S-158**

## **The Communion**

*All who seek God are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.*

### **Music During Communion**

*When Jesus wept*

**Hymnal #715**

*Holy Spirit, ever living*

**Hymnal #511**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**BCP, p. 365**

### **Blessing**

**BCP, p. 366**

### **Recessional**

*Praise the Spirit in creation*

**Hymnal #506**

### **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Postlude**

*Elevation in F*

**François Couperin**

**2022 Easter Altar Flowers:** The church will be decorated for the Easter season with lilies and other spring flowers. To give these flowers as memorials for loved ones who have died, or in thanksgiving for special persons or events in your life, you may fill out the form in Rose Hall or call/send an email to Linda. You may also drop the form in the offering plate by Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Suggested donation for the flowers is \$25-\$35. Please make checks payable to “All Saints' Memorial Church.”



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome!** If visiting or a newcomer, please sign one of our guest books and join us for Coffee Hour in Rose Hall following the service. Our restrooms are downstairs, next to Rose Hall. Please do not hesitate to ask an usher if you have any questions or concerns.

**Food Collection:** Each week All Saints’ collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of tuna in March and canned fruit in April. If you are unable to contribute to the monthly theme, we always accept pre-packaged, shelf stable, non-expired food of any type. Thank you for your generosity.

**Recycle:** If you are not taking your Sunday bulletin home, place either in the recycle bin near the side chapel or the one in Rose Hall. Thank you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 26:** Vestry meeting in-person after the Service

**March 29:** Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers

**March 29:** Choir rehearsal, 7:00pm-8:30pm, choir room

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK**

- April 2: Palm Sunday**  
9:30am: The Sunday of the Passion
- April 5: Noon Eucharist with Healing Prayer**  
12:00pm
- April 6: Maundy Thursday**  
5:30 PM: Light supper of soup and bread  
7:00 PM: Service
- April 7: Good Friday**  
12:15 PM: Liturgy for Good Friday  
1:00 PM: Way of the Cross
- April 9: Easter Sunday**  
9:30 AM: Festival Celebration of Easter