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Our Vision:

To Know Christ
To Love Christ
To Serve Christ in Others

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude: Soliloquy

David Conte

The Word of God

*Opening Hymn: #49 O for a thousand tongues to sing
(Verses 1, 2 and 6. Please mute your Zoom feed)*

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Celebrant may say: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Lessons

A Reading from Ezekiel

37:1-14

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.

After each Reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130*(Read together)****De profundis***

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
 LORD, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
 O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
 therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
 in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
 more than watchmen for the morning, *
 more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
 for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*Gospel Hymn: #511 Holy Spirit ever living***The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John***(People: Glory to you, Lord Christ)***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. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Donna Foughty

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows,

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary,
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the
Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Form I

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city (town, village, _____), for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For **named intercessions**, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who

remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. Christopher and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

Search committee prayer.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against
you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive
you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen
you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy
Spirit keep you in
eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Anthem: *Ave Maria* *Franz Schubert*
Offertory Hymn: #380 *Praise God from whom all blessings flow (verse 3)*

Eucharistic Prayer C

(In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.)

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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of
glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed
your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets
and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the
fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to
fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly
chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all

those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
*We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us, The Lord's prayer

*Closing Hymn: #335 I am the bread of life
(Verses 1, 2 and 5. Please mute your Zoom feed)*

Post communion prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Fugue in D Major*

J.S. Bach

Search Committee Prayer

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish. Likewise, guide the heart of our future priest, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This Week We Are Praying For:

The Church: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan and Taylor, our Bishops. For Donna, our Guest Celebrant, Joe our Music Minister, for our Vestry, Joe, our Bookkeeper and for Lynn, our Pastoral Assistant this week.

Our Government: Donald our President, and Ralph our Governor.

For those celebrating birthdays this month (but not read in church):

Ruth York, Andrew Medding, Mary Andrew, Cathy Branch, Chas Henry, Debbie Brant, Kevin Frear, Ellie Hall, Henry Branch, Elizabeth Woodcock, Bronwyn Dunlap, Ruth Meagher, Addison Dunlap, Landon Ritchie, Joe Bush and Mikell von Kolntiz.

The Sick, Suffering, and in Need Al, Virginia Clark, Ruth York, Elaine Sevy, Marion Evans, Ginny and Fred Berg, Marguerite Wagner, Ralph Tomita, Jim Foster, Priscilla Greene, Virginia Cole, Ted Woodcock, Elaine Apostles, John Wells, and L. B. Berg as well as those on our March Parish Family Prayer List (names not read in the service): The Newcomb, Andrew Clark, Eleanor Alleman, Chris Crockett, Barbara Carballal, Jason, Faith, Jack, Anne Bustion, Jonah Havert, Sharon Wilson, Joe Hughes and Joan Snyder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grounds Work Day Saturday March 28th. This event will be held this coming Saturday, 9:00 AM until Noon. We will trim bushes, tidy up the grounds a bit, plant some cheerful and colorful Spring flowers and do some minor repairs around our campus. Tasks will be arranged to ensure appropriate social distancing. Please plan to join us. Wear old clothes and bring the following if you can: gloves, paint scrapers, big and small garden clippers, hand spades and a sense of humor. Please direct questions to Grounds Guru Logan Foley at lfoley44@yahoo.com , or John Quinn, at skinsnats@gmail.com.

Supporting the Community during the Coronavirus shutdown. St. Christopher's has long supported those in need. During the current shutdown, these needs continue, but are being met in a slightly different way. Crestwood, where we provide holiday meals and other support, has information on what Fairfax County is providing as well as ways we can support these efforts at this link <https://www.fcps.edu/news/coronavirus-update-support>. ECHO, where we are a charter member and provide food and other items, is currently accepting donations only for money, food, personal care, and cleaning items. The link is <https://www.echo-inc.org/needed-right-now>. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Sellers, Outreach Chair, at bustionsellers@msn.com or 703-455-0878.

Book Discussion UPDATE: The March discussion of The Dutch House by Ann Patchett has been postponed until Tuesday, May 19th. For any questions, contact Christine Meloni or Janet Bush.

Preschool News: We are still going forward with our Plant Sale Fundraiser!! We realize that everything is a little upside-down right now, but if you could still use some beautiful, healthy plants just in time for Mother's Day, please consider ordering! You can order Marigold, Vinca, Geranium, show-stopping Dahlias and much, much more.

Plants are all pre-ordered - orders must be in by March 29th.

Orders can be picked up at school parking lot on Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00am to 11:00am. We will make this a one person at a time, zero-contact pick up process and we also have two easy, no contact ways you can order:

- 1) [Download the order form](#) and send it in or
- 2) [Go to Pay4SchoolStuff](#) to order on-line.

Of course, if anyone just wants to email me their order and pay later, or if you have any questions at all, please feel free to call me at 703-451-1845 or email director@stchristopherspreschool.net . Thank you! Polly Colwell

Service Participants for Sunday, March 29, 2020

Lectors: Mike Brandt and Pam Osborn

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Meredith Maple (PB), Lynn Knox (CB1), Mark Ingebretsen (CB2)

Prayer Intercessor: Brent Guernsey

This Weeks at St. Christopher's

Monday, March 30

Tuesday, March 31

Wednesday, April 1

Thursday, April 2

Friday, April 3

Saturday, April 4

Sunday, April 5 – Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m. St. Christopher's Virtual Church