**Order of Service**

**Lent V**

Sunday, March 29th, 2020

*To make the service run smoother and to cut down on distortion and dissonance caused by the response of multiple voices, please leave your computer mic or phone on mute at all times with the exception of opening acclamation, the addition of names for whom you wish prayers, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Peace.  We will assign and / or ask for volunteers to represent the congregation as one voice for the remainder of the responsorial portions of the service.  However, while muted, please do say the words that are written for your response. Even in the muted state, this remains an interactive service.*

**Prelude** *Allemande in G-Minor*  J.S. Bach

**Hymn 508** *Breathe on me, breath of God Nova Vita*

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

fill me with life anew

that I may love what thou dost love,

and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

until my heart is pure,

until with thee I will one will,

to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

till I am wholly thine,

till all this earthly part of me

glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,

so shall I never die;

but live with thee the perfect life

of thine eternity.

**Opening Acclamation**

Officiant: O Lord, let my soul reach up to greet you

**People: as the day rises to meet the sun.**

**Collect of the Day**

God of compassion, you call us out of the bindings of death on this, our resurrection day; make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide to step into your future alive and unashamed; through Jesus Christ, the life of the world. **Amen.**

**Psalm 130** *(said responsively by the verse)*

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.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.***

**Hymn 715** *(sung by choir only)* *When Jesus wept* William Billings

When Jesus wept, the falling tear  
in mercy flowed beyond all bound.  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear  
seized all the guilty world around.

**Reading** 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.

**Homily**

**Affirmation of Faith** *(one person will be unmuted)*

**We believe in God, Creator of all:**

**The two-legged, the four-legged,**

**the winged ones, and those that crawl upon**

**the earth and swim in the waters.**

**We believe in God, One Who Walked with Us:**

**Our Brother Jesus born in humility,**

**who lived and died for us and**

**who will come again to bring us to glory.**

**We believe in God, Spirit with Us:**

**Ever present and ever guiding, upholding us and**

**showing us the principles to live by.**

**We hear God’s voice through the prophets.**

**Creator, One Who Walked with Us, Spirit with Us,**

**Holy One:**

**We are named in the waters of baptism as your own,**

**all of us related, all of us your children.**

**We watch for signs of your homecoming**

**and thank you for this sacred circle of life. Amen.**

**Prayers** *(one person will be unmuted)*

Officiant: Gracious Creator, may our prayers be found in our actions today as much as they are found in these words.

Holy Wisdom, we rest in your goodness:

**Guide us with your grace.**

For your Church we ask:

**Guide us with your grace.**

For our world we ask:

**Guide us with your grace.**

For our communities we ask:

**Guide us with your grace.**

And for ourselves: When we speak,

**Guide us with your grace.**

When we desire,

**Guide us with your grace.**

When we are afraid,

**Guide us with your grace.**

We offer these prayers of our hearts to you:

*You may add personal intercessions or thanksgivings at this time. Please unmute and add your prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings.*

As we journey this day,

**Guide us with your grace.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer** *(said by all, unmuted)*

**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,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God. (*One person will pray on behalf of all*)**

**Disturb us, O Lord**

**when we are too well-pleased with ourselves   
when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little,   
because we sailed too close to the shore.**

**Disturb us, O Lord**

**when with the abundance of things we possess,**  
**we have lost our thirst for the water of life**  
**when, having fallen in love with time,**  
**we have ceased to dream of eternity**  
**and in our efforts to build a new earth,**  
**we have allowed our vision of Heaven to grow dim.**

**Stir us, O Lord**

**to dare more boldly, to venture into wider seas   
where storms show Thy mastery,   
where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.**

**In the name of Him who pushed back the horizons of our hopes   
and invited the brave to follow. Amen.**

*(Prayer is attributed to Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, adapted from an original prayer by Sir Francis Drake)*

Officiant: God, who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

**The Peace**

He will not command legions of angels nor ride the machine of holy war; he will become a slave, take our hate into his heart and win us with forgiveness, for he is God’s unexpected peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Anthem** *If thou but trust in God Wer nur den lieben Gott*

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,

and hope in him through all thy ways,

he’ll give thee strength whate’er betide thee

and bear thee through the evil days.

Who trusts in God’s unchanging love

builds on a rock that nought can move.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving;

so do thine own part faithfully,

and trust his word, though undeserving;

thou yet shalt find it true for thee;

God never yet forsook in need

the soul that trusted him indeed.

**A Prayer for the Time In Which We Are Living**

Gracious and merciful God: It is a challenging time for us, your people. Some of us are afraid: afraid of becoming ill, afraid of losing our jobs, afraid we will not be able to feed our families or pay our bills. Others of us are angry at what we view as inconvenience to, and disruption of, our schedules. We are uncomfortable with uncertainty and impatient with what is happening around us. We pray for your continued presence and peace. Remind us that you are the one who loves us, steadies us, so that we may become secure in and with the insecurity of life. Surround those who fear with your calming presence. Embrace those who are ill with your healing power. Envelop those who are dying in your loving arms and lead them to eternal life. For you are our guide and our grounding, this day and always. **Amen.**

**The Blessing**

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us, so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and the wisdom of God, the love of God, and the grace of God strengthen you to be Christ’s hands and heart in this world, in the name of the one, holy, undivided Trinity. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Loure in G-Major* J.S. Bach