THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

MARCH 22, 2026 AT 10:15 AM

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

All Are Welcome Here

We are a welcoming, inclusive and affirming parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. We seek to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.

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ARE YOU VISITING TODAY?

Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon! Please do us the honor of filling out a Welcome Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack and then placing it in the alms basin during the offertory or handing it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave today. Thank you!

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red or black Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Voluntary: The Bells — Margaret Bonds

"Oh, Peter, go ring them bells. I heard from heaven today. I thank God, and I thank you, too. I heard from heaven today."

Processional Hymn: Hymnal 567, Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old — St. Matthew

Opening Acclamation — Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Collect for Purity — BCP, p. 355

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The Kyrie — BCP, p. 356

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day — BCP, p. 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Collect of the Kids & Invitation to Godly Play

Children ages 5 years old through 5th grade are invited to listen for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. They then depart for Godly Play, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson — Ezekiel 37:1-14

Lector A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response **Psalm 130**

De profundis

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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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.

The Second Lesson **Romans 8:6-11**

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Hymnal 509, Spirit divine, attend our prayers Nun danket all und bringet Ehr

The Gospel **John 11:1-45**

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon Mr. Harry Johnson

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form I BCP, p. 383

Intercessor 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those on our parish Prayer List, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor 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.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession and Absolution BCP, p. 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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 Peace BCP, p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Even When He Is Silent — Kim André Arnesen

Chancel Choir

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I feel it not.
I believe in God even when He is silent.

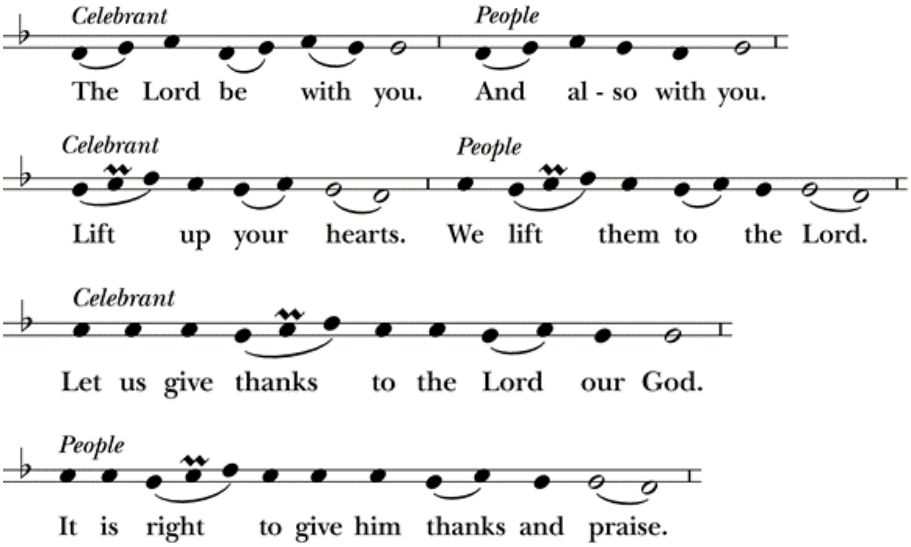
Composer's note: The text was found written on a wall at a concentration camp after World War II. Imagining what that person went through makes the words so powerful. As I read them, it was a Credo - when everything is dark and difficult in life you might wonder where God is, or if God is there at all. This is about keeping faith in God, love, and hope. I think of the sun as a metaphor for hope. Even without thinking of metaphors, the text has a deep meaning. Even if people take away your freedom, your friends, the people you love – they cannot take God away from you.

Presentation Hymn: Hymnal 143, The glory of these forty days — Erhalt uns, Herr

(stanza 5)

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed,
who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A — BCP, p. 361



Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth…

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: Hymnal S 124, Holy, holy, holy Lord

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 362 in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

The Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 160, Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

Invitation and Communion

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup? *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)? *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*

Where can I go to receive only the bread? *Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."*

Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread? *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*

Where can I go to receive a blessing? *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*

How can I ask for communion to be brought to me? *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*

Communion Hymn: Hymnal 510, Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove Saint Agnes

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer Common Prayer, The Church of England

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **God of all,**
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Solemn Prayer and Blessing

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

With the people kneeling, the Celebrant continues:

Celebrant Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Hymnal 521, Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might Chelsea Square

The Dismissal

Voluntary: Two Part Inventions in F Major and D Minor Johann Sebastian Bach
Felix Szymanowski, piano

Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship with snacks and beverages.
Today's fellowship hosts are members of the Flower Guild. Contact: Anne Doster

Serving Today

Ushers	Jack Boyne and Jason Hingerton
Verger	David Roten
Acolytes	Arianna Zomorodi, Frankie Scanlon, Ryan Fee, Benjamin Zomorodi, and William Scanlon
Lectors	Rob Robinson and Cheryl Cozzi
Intercessor & Chalicists	Ian Finley
Livestream and Sound	Mike Burkhart and Sam DeShong
Altar Guild	Jan Harris, Jill Sessoms, Christie Barbee, Stephanie Bias, Anne Doster, Peter Miller, Phyllis Vail, and Carolyn Wilson
Flower Guild	Molly Propst

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Margaret and Ashley Davis in thanksgiving for their family and in loving memory of Landy.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Catherine and Bob Williams; JoAnn Kistler; Roy Wright; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor; Martha Bailey; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Jerry Smith; Margaret Park; Lynda Terrell-Rea; The Rev. Sallie Simpson; Patricia Harris; Susie Rahal; Larry Phearse and Family; Mike Newton-Ward; Gary Blaettler; Sheldon Smith; Debbie Gibbs; Rock Kershaw and Family; Becky Yates; John Anthony Allen and Family; Bernadette Infante; Walter Wojtczak; Missy Takacs; Nicholas Smith; Peter Smith; Kent; Bob Kochersberger and Family; Susan and Jane Jackson and Family; The Mogilski, Bormann, and Dangerfield Families; The Fyfe and Simon Families; The Pursley Family; the people of the Middle East; the people of Ukraine and Russia; victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat, floods, storms, and fires.

And we pray for those who mourn, including the family and friends of Michael Riddle, Al Bass, Smith Lingerfelt, Paul Hoch, The Rev. Janet Watrous, Mary Best, A.B. Swindell, Peggy Hawks, Charles Latimer, Nolan Simon, and Karen Pursley.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for
St. Stephen's, Erwin, and Trinity, Fuquay-Varina.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea.

Give to The Church of the Good Shepherd Online

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday

8 AM Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:15 AM Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

4 PM Holy Week Concert

Monday-Friday

9 AM Morning Prayer

Holy Wednesday

12 Noon Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

7 PM Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

12 Noon Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday

7 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 AM Easter Egg Dash

10:15 Festival Eucharist, Rite II

11:30 AM Beyond Our Doors Neighborhood Lunch