



# Transfiguration Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Livestream Eucharist, Rite II  
March 29, 2020, 10:30am

## OPENING HYMN #516

## COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

## A PENITENTIAL RITE

*Presider* Blessed be the God of our salvation:

*People* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*The Presider introduces the Eucharist informally.*

*Presider*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Presider and People*

**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.**

*Presider*

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

## KYRIE

FROM OSTINATO MASS BY CARSON COOMAN,  
SUNG BY CANTORS

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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 WORD OF GOD

### THE READING

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

*Matthew will present this reading as a story. The text of the reading is below for your reference.*

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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.

## CHILDREN’S SONG

## GUIDE MY FEET, LORD

## THE GOSPEL

## JOHN 11:18-45

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 our Savior.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV. MATTHEW WOODWARD

*A period of silence is kept.*

NICENE CREED

FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

*We say together*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Presider*

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

*Leader* We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. Particularly for Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Marc and the clergy of our parish as they keep us connected during this challenging time. Bless your people, O God;

*People* **And bless your inheritance.**

*Leader* We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge. We pray particularly for all those making decisions in response to the spread of Covid 19. Cleanse us with hyssop,

*People* **and we shall be pure.**

*Leader* We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. Make them hear of joy and gladness,

*People* **that those who are broken may rejoice.**

*Leader* We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely; and particularly those affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. Give them the joy of your saving help,

*People* **and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Leader* In this season of Lent, we pray for all to grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,

*People* **and renew a right spirit within us.**

*Leader* We pray for those who have died, particularly those who have died from Covid 19, and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. We lift up those who mourn.  
Cast them not away from your presence,  
*People* **and take not your Holy Spirit from them.**

*Presider*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who made us in your image, who lifts us and holds us high, who gathers us in loving arms. Hear our prayers for all peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BLESSINGS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The Presider says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*SUNG BY THE CANTORS*

My Spirit Longs for Thee

Philip Godfrey (b. 1964)

My Spirit longs for thee  
Within my troubled breast  
Though I unworthy be  
Of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest  
Unworthy though I be  
Yet has my heart no rest  
Unless it come from thee.

Unless it come from thee  
In vain I look around  
In all that I can see  
No rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found  
But in thy blessed love  
O let my wish be crowned  
And send it from above.

*John Byrom (1692-1763)*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

God      be      with you.      And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift      up your hearts.      We lift      them      to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

FROM OSTINATO MASS BY CARSON COOMAN

SUNG BY CANTORS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

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!

*Presider*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.



At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Presider and People*

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept.*

## AGNUS DEI

FROM OSTINATO MASS BY CARSON COOMAN  
SUNG BY CANTORS

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:  
have mercy on us. Grant us peace.

*Presider*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Presider receives communion. Others are encouraged to offer the following prayer. This is a moment for grief that we cannot be together and eat together; but also joy, that we can engage in spiritual communion with one another, and in community through the means of our Livestream.*

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

*from the Order of Julian of Norwich*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider and People*

**Faithful God, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

*During the season of Lent this year we are offering a different prayer each week from female voices in our tradition in place of the traditional blessing. Blessings are designed to send us out of church and into the world with an intention to carry the benefits of the Eucharist into our daily lives. We believe that these prayers are similarly edifying and will guide you in your spiritual lives in the week to come.*

*Presider*

The soul is made of love and must ever strive to return to love.  
Therefore, it can never find rest nor happiness in other things.  
It must lose itself in love.  
By its very nature it must seek God, who is love. **Amen.**

*Mechtilde of Magdeburg*

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

# PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

1 Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me  
 2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger  
 3 When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 near, when my life is al-most gone;  
 near, and the day is past and gone;

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
 hear my cry, head my call, hold my hand, lest I  
 at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on.  
 fall, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on.  
 hand, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on.

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

PRECIOUS LORD IRREGULAR with Refrain  
 George N. Allen (1812-1877)  
 adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932, alt.

## DISMISSAL

*The Presider dismisses the congregation with these or other suitable words.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## VOLUNTARY

Recollection

David Conte (b. 1955)





