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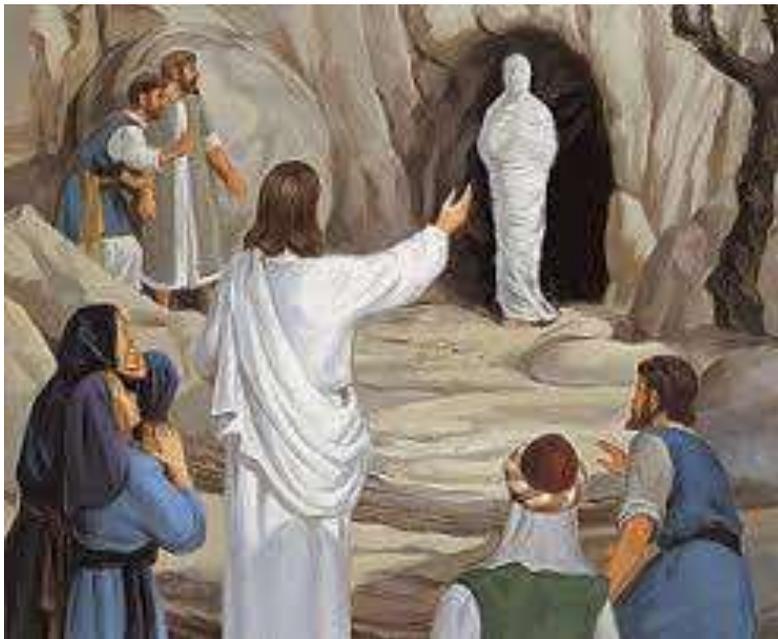
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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

9:30 am

The Reverend Kevin M. Cross, Rector



GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord" Psalm 122:1

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The hymns are found in the red hymnal (H).

The service music (S) is found in the front of the hymnal.

"The prelude begins our service. Once it begins, please take a moment for silent prayer/meditation so that we enter into our worship with quieted, prayerful minds. Thank you."

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

D. Miller

The Word of God

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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.

Kyrie

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Scripture

First Lesson

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.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 130

9:30 am

- 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.*

Second Lesson

Romans 8:6-11

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

People: Thanks be to God

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.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

The Rev. Kevin M. Cross

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 Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshipped 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.

Litany of Healing

Lord Jesus, you healed all who came to you in faith and sent forth your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal the sick; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than we know, and your will for us is healing and salvation; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

God of love, you enter into our lives, our pain and our brokenness, and you stretch out your

healing hands to us wherever we are; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

Touch and heal our hearts burdened by anguish, despair and isolation, and set us free through your love; *Hear us and make us whole.*

We pray for those in need of healing this day:

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| Joel | Father Kevin Cross | Judy Reynolds |
| Berry Passano | Capt. Mike Lawrence | Diane Wilson |
| John Weitzel | John Hanson | Gordon Graves |
| Betty Jo Mackert | MaryAnn Hensinger | Leslie Howells |
| Barbara & Jack Inserra | Lisa McDougall | Durrie Hayes |
| Shirley Deeley | Michael Robertson | Benjamin Gilsdorf |
| Otts Schnellenberger | Ingrid Blanton | Jim Schaeffer |
| Mike Sheridan | Pat Martin | |
| James Turrell | Lisa Strang | |

Give your wisdom in ample measure to doctors and nurses, that with knowledge, skill and patience they may minister to the sick; *Hear us and make us whole.*

Break the bonds of our imprisonment to fear, compulsion and addiction; *Hear us and make us whole.*

Give us liberty from old hurts and painful memories; *Come with your healing power, O God.*

Fill us with peace in our grief from separation and loss; *Come with your healing power, O God.*

We remember those who have passed on to eternal life, *Hazel Lambert*. We pray for comfort and solace for their families.

We also remember in our prayer those in our military who have fallen. We pray for comfort and solace for their families.

Work through all who share in your ministry of healing and renew us in compassion and strength; *Come with your healing power, O God.*

God of Strength, you fill us with your presence and send us forth in love and healing among those we meet; *We praise and thank you, O God.*

Celebrant

Shine, O God, as the Light that creates, the Light that calls, the Light that comes again with every dawn. Shine as the Light that scatters every shadow, and the Light in which we promise to walk, with your help. *AMEN.*

Prayer Response

My Hope Is Built

Arr. J. Linker

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Absolution

Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Dry Bones

K. Pace

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Presider: All things come from Thee O Lord.

People: *And of thy own we have given Thee.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Preface

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

Sanctus

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.
Hosana in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and

thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

Communion

"Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

Just As I Am

D. Wood

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Saviour 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.

Blessing

Sending Forth

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in G Major

J. Roberts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 29, 2020

Pledges

We have all changed our daily routines in an effort to guard against the potential harm from the COVID- 19 virus. Frequently washing our hands, traveling less, and social distancing are all part of the new normal for daily life. Unfortunately, we continue to incur most of our monthly expenses at the Church of the Holy Trinity. Your effort to continue your generous pledging routines will help us meet our continuing financial obligations. Thank you for your consideration. Holy Trinity, POB 387, Oxford, MD 21654.

David Wangsness

Prayer Practices:

On Tuesday, March 31, our Prayer Practices program will be offered by broadcast.

Service Broadcasts:

To attend go to www.holytrinityoxfordmd.org and click on the blue button.

Worship Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist with Music Sundays at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

The first Sunday of each month we celebrate one combined service at 9:30 am

Morning Prayer Wednesdays at 8:30 am

This Week at Church of the Holy Trinity

Monday - March 30

Friday - April 3

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday - March 31

5:00 pm - Prayer Practices on Zoom

Saturday - April 4

Wednesday - April 1

8:30 am - Morning Prayer-Broadcast

Sunday - April 5

9:30 am - Holy Eucharist-Broadcast

Thursday - April 2

Vestry Members

Gordon Fronk, Senior Warden

Bill Ritchie, Junior Warden

Ellen Anderson, Registrar

David Wangsness, Co- Treasurer

Louise Thorndike, Secretary

Al Smith - Emeritus

Otts Schnellenberger

Meg van den Berg

Nancy Roberts

Ed Delaney

Tot O'Mara

Kathy Becker

Suzanne Fischer

Van Holston

Dr. Cora Bruner - Organist and Choir Director

Worship Leaders

9:30 am

Deacon Postulant

Dr. Lisa Webb

Reader

Chalicer

Acolyte

Usher

Greeter

Altar Guild:

Flower Guild: