



Order of Service for March 26, 2023

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist

9:30 am

Officiating: the Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles

Assisting: the Rev'd Betty Nadurak



TROUBLED HEARTS

[Jesus said,] "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ...And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."
John 12:27,32

Lord Jesus, you always call me closer to your wounded heart. There you want me to know true joy and true peace.
(Henri J. M. Nouwen, *Heart Speaks to Heart*, 55)

Our focus this week is on our troubled and wounded hearts. There is much to be troubled about these days, including a world filled with hatred and strife, hunger and hopelessness. We live in a nation polarized by political and social issues. Collectively, we often can't even agree on Pilate's question: "What is truth?" (John 18:38). And beyond these broad-based matters, many of us have all we can handle anyway, dealing with the challenges we face at work and at home.

Where do we look for tranquility, harmony and hope? The world offers us solutions that are temporary at best and damaging at worst. But Jesus gives us a true and enduring solution. He offers us the only source of true and lasting joy, comfort and peace — which is himself. He was lifted up on the cross to draw all people close to his wounded heart.

So, when your heart is anxious and troubled, listen to Jesus calling you closer to him. **He's been there. His heart was troubled beyond human comprehension as he approached Gethsemane and Golgotha.** He went through death and hell for you, so he can calm your fears and dry your tears, now and forever.

Lord Jesus, keep me close to your wounded heart, where I can experience true and everlasting joy and peace. Amen.



Service of Holy Eucharist

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: Common Praise (Blue Book—CP)
#306 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (screens)

Greeting: BAS, p. 230 (Book of Alternative Services - Green Book) (screens)

Collect for Purity (screens)

The Summary of the Law (screens)

Trisagion x3 (screens)

Collect of the Day (screens)

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

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.

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 130 p. 888 (screens)

The Second Reading

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.

ROMANS 8:6-11

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: CP #40 O Spirit of the Living God (screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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. JOHN 11:1-45

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: *Praise to thee, O Christ.*

Homily

Apostles' Creed (screens)

The Prayers of the People

(Please sit or kneel for the prayers.)

Lenten Litany p. 121 (screens)

Confession and Absolution (screens)

The Peace (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: RSB #137 I am the Bread of Life (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer A: p. 241 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread: p. 246 (screens)

The Communion (screens)

Agnus Dei p. 247 (screens)

Communion Hymns: (screens) RSB #223 My Soul is at Rest;

CP #647 Spirit of the Living God; RSB #76
Father of Peace; RSB #283 Take Our Bread

Hymn after Communion (Please stand.): CP #532 What a Friend We Have in Jesus (screens)

Prayer after Communion (screens)

Blessing

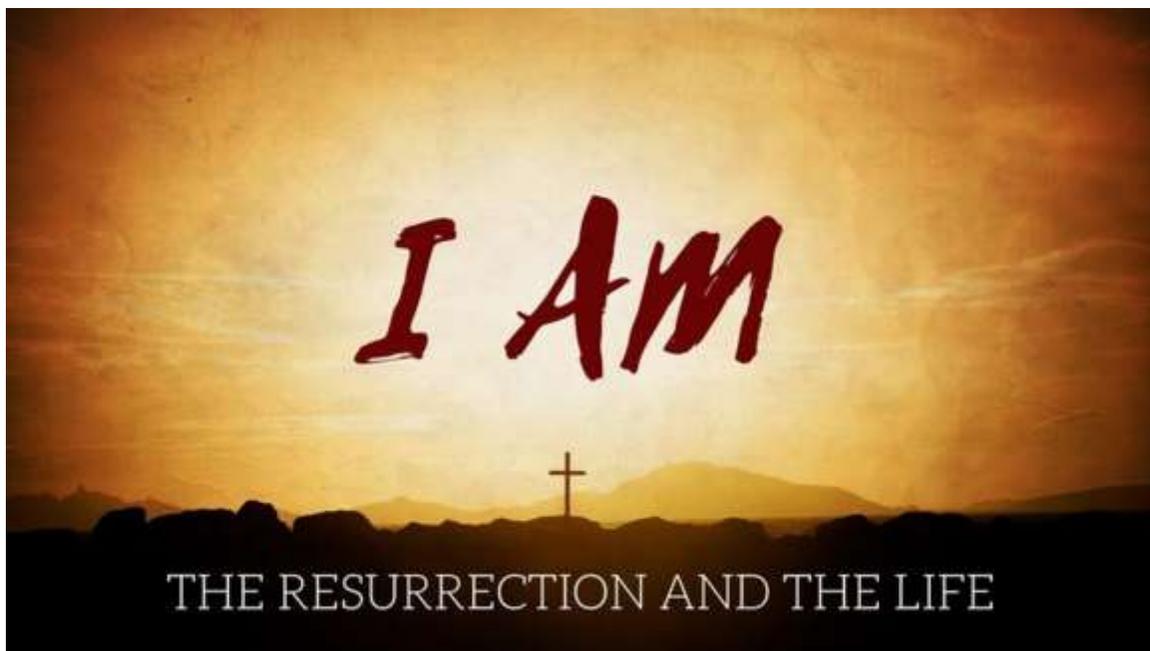
Announcements (screens)

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You're invited to join us for Coffee, right after the Service, in-person in the Hall; and/or at 11:45, online via Zoom. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87399496922?pwd=eWxvZDdTYUVuNjZldUZ4MjFhWFdQdz09>. We'd love to share these times of fellowship with you!

Reserved Sacrament can be picked up from the Office on Tuesday to Thursday from 9 am to noon. If you are not partaking during the Service, a written copy of the "Prayer for Communion" is available on our website in the same location as this Order of Service.

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Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.



Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the **Anglican Church of South America**.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for ***the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological, College, and Queen's College***; in the Lutheran Church we pray for ***the congregations of the Northwestern Ontario area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod***.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***Alberta Children's Hospital: The Rev. Jerrod McCormack; Foothills Hospital, Calgary; Rockyview Hospital & Peter Lougheed Centre (Casual staff): The Rev. Carolyn Herold; Peter Lougheed Centre; St. Marguerite Manor, Calgary: The Rev. Giovanni DiVincenzo; Bethany Care Centre, Airdrie; Red Deer Regional Hospital: The Rev. Tracey Stagg***.

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for ***Irene, Jennifer and Natalie; Joel and Vaida; Bev; Andrew, Tracy, Peyton, Graydon and Simon***; and for our clergy Fergus Tyson, Norman Knowles, Betty Nadurak, and Cyril Haynes, and their families.

We pray for our foster child Desta Keweti.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: ***Robbie; Patrick***; Irma (mother of Rick); Stephen & Gloria; Chris; Julia; Verna; Barb; Terry; Dennis; Sheila; Peggy; Bob & Joanne; Gwen; Jacqueline; Margaret; Marlene; Fergus, Gail & Alyssa; Debra; Irma & Cyril; and Michael; Sandra. **For those grieving**: Max; Alison, Lars & Ellie. **We thank you** for your healing touch, which sustains us every day; and for all the many healings that have taken place in our parish; and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers

We pray for containment of COVID-19 worldwide; actions guided by the safety of others; protection for all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects, in particular all who are homeless; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill. We also pray especially that our healthcare workers and healthcare system will not be overwhelmed by the number of cases of the virus. And we pray especially for all in our Parish who are sick with this virus. Please enable us to support them in any way they need.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, and for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that respect and honour all of God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for the over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. **We stand in** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

