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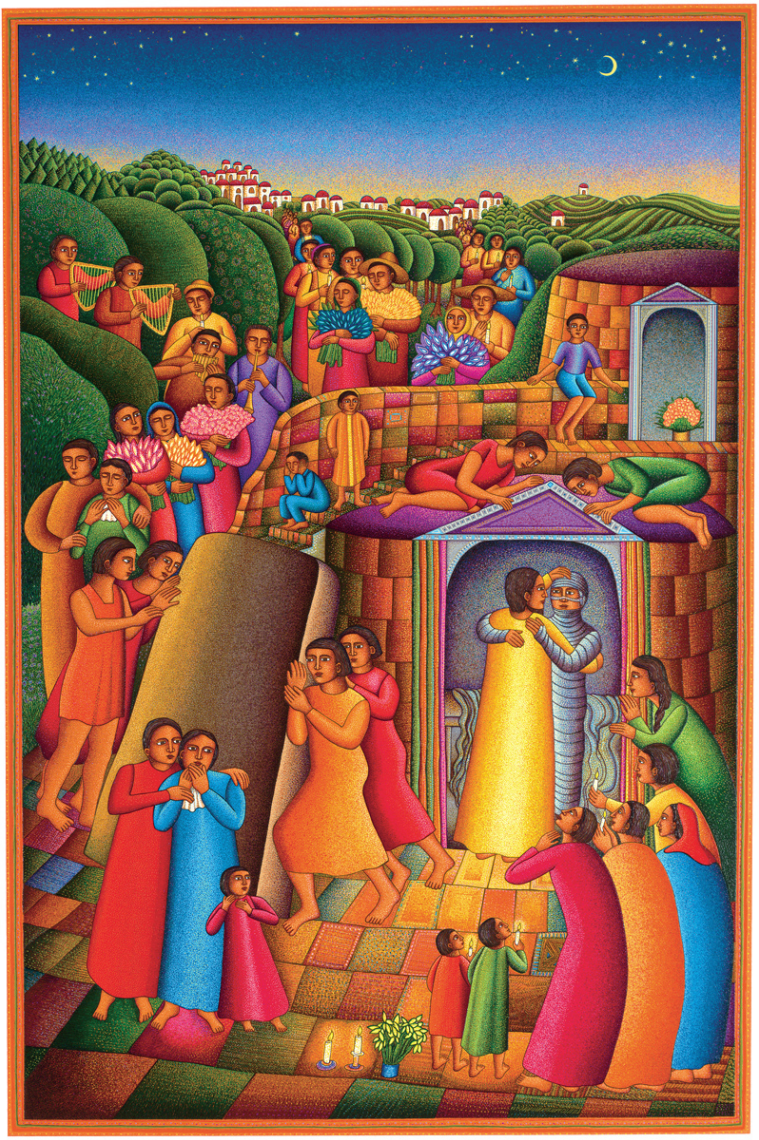

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March 26, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship
Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023 — Ten-Thirty O'Clock

**At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit*

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary — Meditation on Beach Spring — Karen Buckwalter
Christ Church Ringers

Worship and Welcome Notes

Introit — "Peace and Love and Joy" — J. S. Bach, arr. Ellen Lorenz

Call to Worship

Leader: O mortal, can these bones live? *Ezek. 37:3; Ps. 130:7*
People: Only the Lord God knows.
Leader: O people, hope in the Lord.
People: With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

***Processional Hymn #395** — Liebster Jesu
"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Prayer of the Day** ***(in unison)

Lord God, Great I Am, *John 11:1–45*
you are resurrection and life.
As we worship you this day
show us who we are:
bearers of good news,
messengers of resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

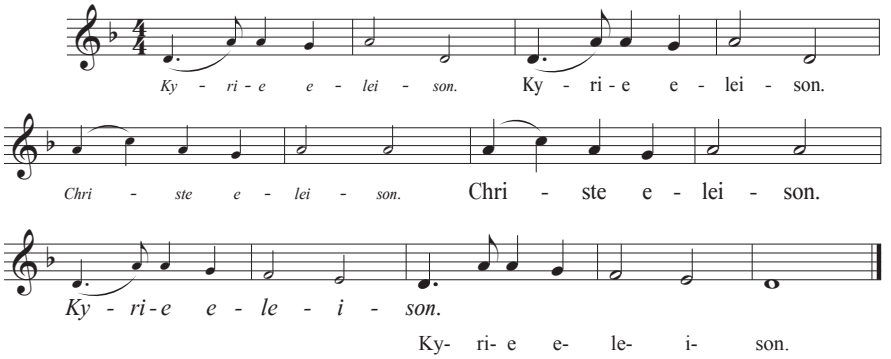
Call to Confession

To set the mind on the flesh is death, *Rom. 8:6, 10*
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
Trusting in the Spirit of God,
let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession ***(in unison)***

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, *Ps. 130:3*
who could live, who could stand?
We seem to have more faith in death *John 4:5–42*
than hope in your promise of life.
We seek peace through war
and find security in weapons.
We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying,
and pursue wealth by making others poor.
And even so, you love us; *Ps. 130:4–5, 8*
still there is forgiveness with you!
Therefore we worship you;
for you alone, O Lord,
can save us from death
and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

Kyrie John Bell



***Assurance of Pardon**

If Jesus Christ dwells in you, *Rom 8:10–11*
the Spirit of God will be your life
and the grace of God will be your righteousness.
And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you,
then God, who raised Jesus from the dead,
will also give life to your mortal bodies.
Friends, this is the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon**

Hymn #439, vs. 1 Stuttgart

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercy to proclaim.

Children are now invited to come forward.

Listen for God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Message for Children

Following the children's message, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out the pulpit-side door for Kids' Church. They can be picked up in the lower level following the service.

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. *Ps. 130:5; Rom. 8:6*
By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds
on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading Ezek. 37:1–14

"The Valley of Dry Bones"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 704–5
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 987–88

***Hymn #834** Precious Lord

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Epistle Reading Romans 8:6–11

"Life in the Spirit"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 919
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 191

Gospel Reading John 11:1–16

"Jesus and Lazarus" Pew Bible p. 873
Choir: Hymn #194, "When Jesus Wept" Large Print Bible p. 127

John 11:17–37

"Jesus Weeps" Pew Bible pp. 873–74
Choir: Hymn #194, "When Jesus Wept" Large Print Bible p. 127

"*The Resurrection of Lazarus and the Plot to Kill Jesus*" John 11:38–54
Pew Bible p. 874
All: **Hymn #194, "When Jesus Wept"** Large Print Bible p. 128

Sermon "Save the People…and the State!" Rev. Dave de Vries
"*If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.*"

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed,* p. 35

Prayers of the People *and* the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem Daniel Gawthrop

"Sing Me to Heaven"

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant, and my heart is mute.
In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices,
and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.
If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem.
Sing me to heaven.
Touch in me all love and passion. Pain and pleasure, touch.
Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.
Love me. Comfort me. Bring me to God.
Sing me a love song. Sing me to heaven.

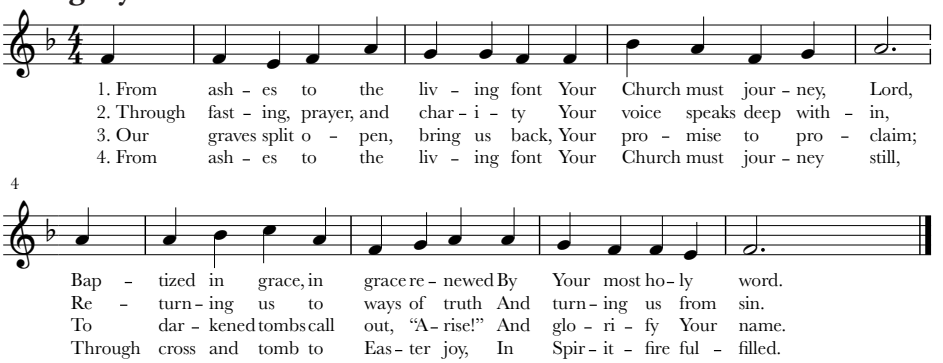
***Doxology: Hymn #606** Old Hundredth

Prayer of Dedication *(in unison)
Holy God, giver of life, we thank you for raising us up *Ezek. 37:11–14*
and joining us together as one people, your people,
flesh and bone in the body of Christ.
As you have delivered us from death,
use our lives to proclaim the good news
of new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Closing Hymn** St. Flavian



***Benediction**
Response

Voluntary "Allegro" from Concerto in A Minor J. S. Bach

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of March 26, 2023

Using Sunday's Order of Worship, we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week. We worship together…separately.

The Call to Worship
The Prayer of Adoration (followed by silence)
The Prayer of Confession (followed by silence)
The Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Readings: Worship texts for **Palm/Passion Sunday, April 2, 2023**

Mon: Matt 21:1–22	Thurs: Psalm 31:9–16
Tues: Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29	Fri: Phil. 2:5–11
Wed: Isaiah 50:4–9a	Sat: Matthew 26:14–27, 27:11–54

Silent Meditation and Prayer (Listening for God's Voice in Scripture and Silence)
Prayers of the People (Lifting others before God)
Prayer of Dedication
Becoming Familiar with Holy Scripture (If you wish to become more familiar with the Bible and the best known stories of Scripture)
The New Covenant is Predicted (Jeremiah 31)

Preparing for Sunday, April 2, 2023
Consider: As this week unfolds, spend some time each day pondering the mind of Christ. What is the shape of his compassion? Describe the image of such great love. Finally, what does it feel like, physically, to be so utterly cared for?

The Cathedral Hour today is made possible through generous donations from members and friends of Christ Presbyterian Church

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"*Prophesy to these bones, and say to them,*
O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord."

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Activities for the Week of March 26, 2023

Today

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
9:00 a.m.	Children and Youth Classes open
9:15–10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Westminster Hall)
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.	Pastor Dave's Bible Study (Parlor)
11:15–12:15 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m.	Special Session Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00–9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
7:30–9:30 p.m.	*Common Ground* Book Study (Zoom)

Thursday

9:30–11:00 a.m	Women's Bible Study (Parlor and Zoom)
7:15–9:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)

Sunday, April 2, 2023

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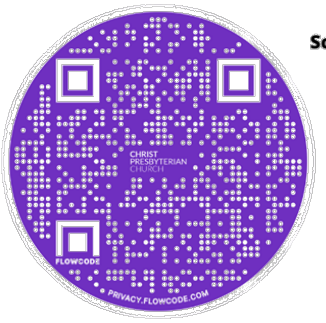

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