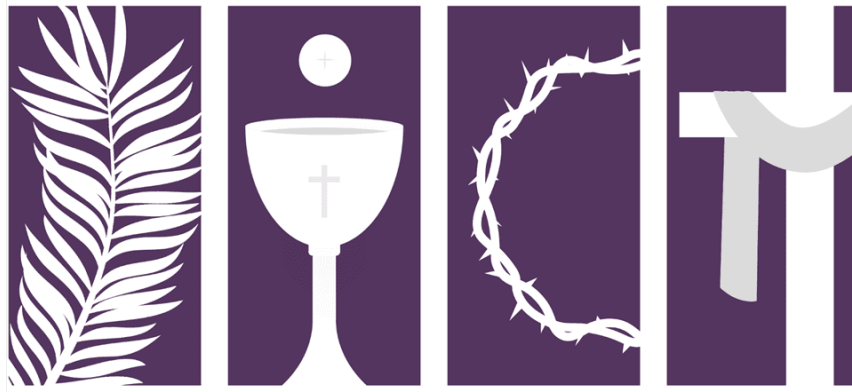


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The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 22, 2026

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector
The Rev James Seipel, Assisting
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Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



Prelude _____ Pavel Petrov

Processional Hymn 495 _____ *In Babilone*

“Hail, thou once despised Jesus!”

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation _____ BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity _____ BCP p. 355

Kyrie (S86) _____ David Hurd

Collect of the Day

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.**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14 _____ Bobbi Patterson

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.

Psalm 130 *De profundis* *Anglican Chant*

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 Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Micah Palpant

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 508

Nova Vita

“Breathe on me, Breath of God”

Vv. 1-3 before the gospel

V. 4 after the gospel

The Gospel: John 11:1-45

The Rev. Susan Scranton

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People - Form IV (BCP p. 388)

Miles Bresee

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others? Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem Mark Patterson

“Kyrie”
Grace Parish Choir Women

Presentation Hymn 149 v. 1 *Old 124th*

“Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP p. 361

Sanctus & Benedictus S124 David Hurd

The Lord’s Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem (S161) David Hurd

Invitation to Communion BCP p. 364

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.) Gluten-free wafers are available.

Communion Hymn 314 *Adoro devote*

“Humbly I adore thee”

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 494 *Diademata*

“Crown him with many crowns”

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Pavel Petrov

The flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Bobbi & Steven Patterson in celebration of
Morgan & Mitchell’s 18th birthday and
by Grace Church in celebration of Susan Scranton’s birthday.

Serving today:

Celebrant The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister Janet Kawamoto
Lectors Bobbi Patterson, Micah Palpant, Miles Bresee
Acolytes..... Morgan Patterson, McKenna Parra, Ethan Seielstad
Choirmaster David Aldrete
Organist Pavel Petrov
GEC Stream Team..... Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson
Flower Guild Rosann Kindt, Nancy Rice
Altar Guild Catie Anders, Dawn Mellon, Debbie Pullen,
Janese Grady, Cathy St. Onge
Hymn Board Manager Trevor Barcelo
Ushers Alex McKenzie, Rob Van Derbur
Vestry Person of the Week Linda Rice

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Sam Luna, Rick, Lucy, Lindsay, Liz Hernandez, Lisa Taylor, Sharon W., Anita Baker, Pauline & Ron Wells, Scott Martin, Frank Boyd, David, Dick Honaker, Derek Anderson, Marie Gillies, Erin Carter, Frank Ortega, Jessica Barquera, Freddie Montague, Judy Webster, Marykay Edwards, Corina Wiemer, Gary Kindt, Jayam Rutnam, Elaine, Susan Sherman, Rene Rocha, Mikel Jones, Mandy Macaluso, Christine De Souza, Bill Owen, April Moore
For strength & guidance: The Hernandez Family, Mireya Rivera & Family
For those who have died: John Davis
For those in mourning: Davis Family, The Ekstrand Family
For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy, Mitchell Mann ~ USMC

March Birthdays

9 – John Boyd 18 – Morgan Patterson 22 - Rosann Kindt
16 - Debbi England 19 – Matthew Boyd 25 – Susan Scranton
18 – Mitchell Patterson 19 - Joe Goetz