



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday *in Lent*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

March 22, 2026 · 10:30 am

All are welcome to worship God in this place.

In church before the service, please respect others by being silent.

Johannes Brahms

PRELUDE O Sacred Head Sore Wounded

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus Hymnal - 495 In Babilone



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand as they are able,

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

All **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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.**

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

KYRIE

Hymnal S-96

Franz Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, —
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, —
Christ, —
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Lector A reading from Ezekiel.

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

1. All my hope on God is found- ed, he doth still my
 2. Mor- tal pride and earth- ly glo- ry, sword and crown be-
 3. God's great good- ness e'er en- dur- eth, deep his wis- dom
 4. Dai- ly doth the al- might- y Giv- er boun- teous gifts on
 5. Still from earth to God e- ter- nal sac- ri- fice of

trust re- new, me through change and chance he
 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 pass- ing thought: splen- dor, light, and life at-
 us be- stow; his de- sire our soul de-
 praise be done, high a- bove all prais- es

guid- eth, on- ly good and on- ly true. God un-
 build them, tower and tem- ple fall to dust. But God's
 tend him, beau- ty spring- eth out of nought. Ev- er-
 light- eth, plea- sure leads us where we go. Love doth
 prais- ing for the gift of Christ, his son. Christ doth

known, he a- lone calls my heart to be his own.
 power, hour by hour, is my tem- ple and my tower.
 more from his store new- born worlds rise and a- dore.
 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com- mand.
 call one and all: ye who fol- low shall not fall.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

All stand

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

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

Celebrant 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.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sally Goodall

THE NICENE CREED

Book of Common Prayer 358

All **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 the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM III

Book of Common Prayer 387

Lector In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea. Father we pray for your holy Catholic Church.

People **So that we may bless others.**

Lector Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you. In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for the formation of new Episcopal communities.

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Lector We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Lector We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Lector Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Lector Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Lector Give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Lector We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

I invite the congregation to add your thanksgivings or petitions, either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Silence

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

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 forever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMISSIONING FOR VESTRY MEMBERS

Book of Occasional Services 197

The congregation is seated, the Celebrant stands in full view of the people. The candidates stand facing the Celebrant.

Celebrant Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Senior Warden Fabio Ceccarani, Kelly Robertson, and Jim Rodgers have been called to the ministry of Vestry member.

People **Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Celebrant Look with favor upon those whom you have called to serve in the vestry of this parish, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Celebrant In the Name of God, we recognize you, Fabio, Kelly, and Jim as new Vestry Members **and give you this as a token of your ministry.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Out of the Deep

John Rutter

OFFERTORY BLESSING

All **All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please indicate to the Celebrant if you would prefer the gluten free wafers.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Book of Common Prayer 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-124

David Hurd

The People stand or kneel.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant 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:

All **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant 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 forever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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

Book of Common Prayer 364

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S-161

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET Hide Not Thou Thy Face

Richard Farrant

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

A SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord in body or in Spirit.

The People kneel as they are able.

Celebrant Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee Hymnal - 635 Wer nur den lieben Gott

Unison or harmony



1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un-serv-ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what-e'er be-tide thee,
faith-ful-ly, and trust his word, though un-de-serv-ing;

and bear thee through the e-vil days. Who trusts in God's un-
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev-er yet for-

chang-ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust-ed him in-deed.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE O World, I Must Now Leave Thee

Johannes Brahms

MUSIC NOTES

Our prelude and postlude this morning were among the very last compositions that Brahms (1833-1897) wrote. During the summer of 1896 Brahms went to a cabin in the Alps to rest, likely knowing that his health was failing. There he composed eleven chorale preludes, representing his final musical thoughts. These pieces are not only the last works of a composer, but also something of a farewell to a century and a way of life. The prelude is a rather introspective look at the hymn "O Sacred Head". Here Brahms places the hymn tune in the pedal and makes a flowing web in the hands. Today's postlude disguises the hymn tune, and a sense of pulsating notes dominates the texture.



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APR 05	<i>Easter</i> SUNDAY	8:00am & 10:30am

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