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# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

*March 29, 2020*

**10 a.m. Rite II Eucharist**

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**Prelude**

**Glenn Walp, pianist**

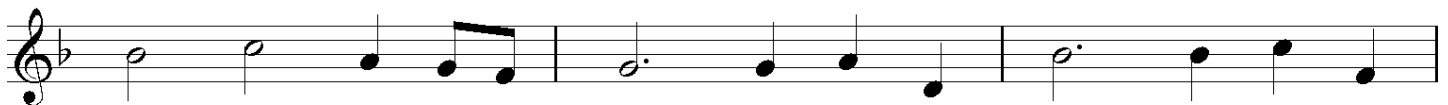
*All stand.*

**Entrance Hymn** *O Love of God, How Strong and True*

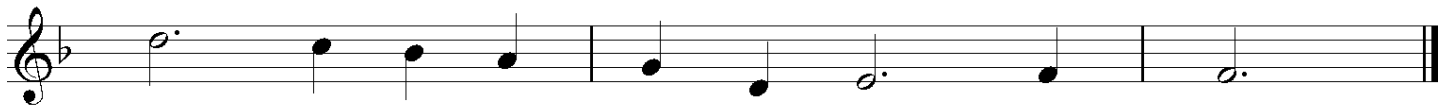
**Hymnal 455**



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
high, our life to live, our death to die.  
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People: **God's mercy endures for ever.**

## The Decalogue

BCP 350

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our 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 other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

## Confession and Absolution

BCP 352

## Trisagion

S-100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

## **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.*

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

**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.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 130

- 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**

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.

Deacon: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*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 - swerv - 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.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn *Holy Spirit, Every Living*

Hymnal 511

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's  
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; min - is - try; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er  
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with  
 bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.  
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Annie Mertz**

*A time of silence for reflection follows the sermon.*



## **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Peace**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **Announcements**

Offertory Hymn *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!*

Hymnal 495



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!

## Prayer over the People

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant: Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

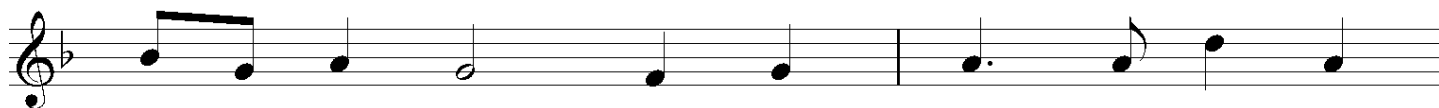
People: Amen.

## Closing Hymn *All My Hope on God Is Founded*

Hymnal 665



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



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



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



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

## Dismissal

*The Deacon will dismiss the people.*

People: Thanks be to God.

*Assisting in Today's Service*

*Celebrant & Preacher:*

The Rev. Annie Mertz

*Deacon:* The Rev. Beth Gaines

*Music:* Glenn Walp

**Videographers:** Jorge Cataneda,

Yann Jouvenot Sells

*Prayers for the Repose of the Soul*

Philip Case

(cousin of Carole Johnson)

*Prayers for Healing*

Noreen L.

Alex Clouse

Gavin Hill

Amy

*Birthdays*

Jeanne Brown

*Prayers for Those Serving  
in Our Armed Forces*

PFC Toby Williams, U.S. Army

PVT Andrew Contreras, U.S. Army

Warrant Officer Brandon Niemann,

U.S. Army

AB Andrew Severa, U.S. Air Force

SA Michelle Severa, PA, Air National  
Guard

Jake Sackett, U.S. Air Force

**WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU**

**The Rev. Annie Mertz, Rector**

*Associate Priests:*

**The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert**

**The Rev. Pamela Higgins**

**The Rev. Dr. Arthur Holder**

**The Rev. Beth Gaines, Deacon**

**Grace Flint, Seminarian**

**VESTRY**

**Yann Jouvenot Sells, Senior Warden**

**Kim Rodekohr, Junior Warden**

**Betsy Zampa, Clerk**

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**Charlie Kilbourne, Ken Nowinski,**

**David White, Giovanna Zampa**

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**Jim Brown, Peddlers' Fair Coordinator**

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**Beckie Pelkey, Youth & Family  
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**Andria Reid, Godly Play/Nursery  
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**JoAnn Souza, Parish Administrator**

**Betsy Zampa, Communications  
Coordinator**

**Carolyn Conlin, Lily Field, Emma**

**Gilbert, Nayda Guerin, Giovanna  
Zampa, Nursery Care**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Holy Week @ Home

Holy week services, including Easter Sunday, will be conducted remotely and at home. Plans are still forming – stay tuned for announcements!

## Zoom Bible Study

Join us for bible study on Wednesdays at 11 am via Zoom.

To join in, visit <https://zoom.us/j/194285844>.

## Zoom Digital Coffee Hour

Following the Facebook live-stream of our service, join us on Zoom at 11 am for an experimental digital coffee hour. We'll have a light structured conversation and lots of waving hello! Fill up your favorite coffee mug and be prepared to share all about it.

To join in, visit <https://zoom.us/j/439774574>

## First Time Connecting to Zoom?

Video and written instructions:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

## Prayer @ Home Resources

**Video:** [Episcopal Church YouTube Channel](#) - features weekly meditations from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

**Podcast:** [Pray as you Go](#) - Daily 10-15 minute audio prayer sessions from the Jesuits, based on the practices of Ignatius of Loyola.

**Apps:** [Prayer - Mission St. Clare](#) - A free app with daily Morning and Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer laid out with readings and hymns. To download onto your phone or tablet, go to the App or Google Play store and search for Mission St. Clare.

**Kids:** [Godly Play Foundation YouTube Channel](#) - Videos of experienced teachers telling Godly Play stories

## Cooks Needed for Community Meal

We are still serving meals for our Community every Wednesday from 4:30-6 pm for take out only. We are practicing social distancing and also offer curbside delivery. If you know anyone who needs a meal delivered, please let me know. Sandoval's Mexican Restaurant provided dinner last Wednesday. Please let them know how much it is appreciated.

We are looking for people who are willing to cook. I will take sign ups at [eloota@yahoo.com](mailto:eloota@yahoo.com)

—Donna Marshall

**ALL OUTSIDE GROUP MEETINGS  
AT ST. PAUL'S ARE SUSPENDED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**Monday, 3/30/2020**

**9 am** +Morning Prayer via Zoom

**Tuesday, 3/31/2020**

**9 am** +Morning Prayer via Zoom

**Wednesday 4/1/2020**

**9 am** +Morning Prayer via Zoom

**10 am** +Holy Communion  
CANCELLED

**11 am** Bible Study via Zoom

**4:30 pm** Community Meal Take Out

**Thursday 4/2/2020**

**9 am** +Morning Prayer via Zoom

**6:30 pm** Lenten Program (PH)  
CANCELLED

**Friday, 4/3/2020**

**9 am** +Morning Prayer via Zoom

**Saturday, 4/4/2020**

**Palm Sunday, 4/5/2020**

**10 am** +Church Service—  
via Facebook Livestream

***Altar Guild***

Lorraine Ndusha

***Vergers***

Bill Markley

**The deadline for submitting  
announcements is  
Wednesday at noon.**

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