EVENING WORSHIP - SUNDAYS @ 5

Everything you need to participate fully in the service is found in this leaflet and the accompanying inserts. Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.

MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SENTENCES AND CONFESSION

Officiant: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- 1 John 1:8, 9

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

Silence is kept.

Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to my brokenness:
To the ways I wound my life,
The lives of others,
And the life of the world.

People: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Officiant: Amen.

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People: Amen.
TRISAGION  Please mute your microphone, but do sing along!

Sung three times.

Holly God, Holly and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

Setting: From Incarnation Candlelight Mass by Melissa Fugarty (2007)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence follows the reading.

REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE

HYMN 448

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

DEUTERONOMY

HYMN 448

Hymn tune: Deus tuorum militum

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing
2 For us baptized, for us he bore his holy
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wicked hands betrayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death again; for us he
6 All glory to our Lord and God for love so

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tune: Deus tuorum militum

1 thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hungered sore; for us temptations
3 daily works he wrought; by words and signs and
4 purple robe arrayed, he bore the shameful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom

1 God, should take our mortal form for mortals’ sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
3 actions, thus still seeking not him self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.
5 Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
6 we adore for ever and for ever more.


PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Have mercy on us according to your loving kindness, and in your great compassion, hear our prayers.
Leader: We pray for the whole church, all leaders and ministers, and all the holy people of God. May we who confess Jesus as Lord put aside the deeds of death and accept the life of your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who govern and judge, that your light may lead their way to justice and truth. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for freedom, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who are tormented or tempted to despair. Help us to be beacons of your hope and vessels of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those people whose names, faces, or needs are placed upon our hearts. We remember especially…. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who rest in Christ, who have entered into the land of eternal light and your abiding peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Officiant: God of infinite goodness, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people.

All: Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey, and grant us grace to fashion our lives anew, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE PEACE

Officiant: Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near to God, for Christ is our peace. The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

LORD’S PRAYER
Officiant:  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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Officiant:  May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart.
May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds.
May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace.

People:   Thanks be to God.

The sound of the prayer bell brings our Evening Worship to a close.
You are invited to remain on Zoom for a brief time of fellowship.

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