INTRODUCTION
In today’s gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God’s promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God’s unfailing promise in our baptism.

VOLUNTARY
Out of the Depths I Cry to You
Max Drischner (1891-1971)
Tune by Martin Luther

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
As we gather from our homes, we invite you to place a bowl or cup of water in front of you, to remember our baptism.
THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as children, making us heirs of your promise, and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

(At home, dip your finger into a bowl or cup of water and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.)

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.
1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be-neath God’s righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
I’ll sing God’s love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty I’ll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I’ll sing on; and through e-ter-ni-ty I’ll sing on.
GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray together.
Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN
The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14
The first reading for the Fifth Sunday in Lent is recorded in Ezekiel, the 37th Chapter.
1The 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. 2He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” 4Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. 5Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. 6I 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130
The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.

1 Out of the depths
   I cry to you, O LORD;
2 O LORD, hear my voice!
   Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.
3 If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

4 Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

5 I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

6 My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

7 O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plentiful redemption.

8 For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11
The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 8th Chapter.

6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 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.

9 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. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45
The holy gospel according to Saint John
Glory to you, O Lord.

1Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” 4But 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.” 5Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

7Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” 8The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” 9Jesus 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. 10But 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.

The gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II
HYMN OF THE DAY

Light Dawns on a Weary World “Temple of Peace”

1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people’s dignity.
2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children’s dreams are fed.
3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.

weary world: the promised day of justice comes.
weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes.
weary world: the promised green of Eden comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.
CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of life, bind your faithful people into one body. Enliven the church with your Spirit and bless the work of those who work for its renewal. Accomplish your work of salvation in us and through us, for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, you love the world you have made and you grieve when creation suffers. Restore polluted lands and waterways. Heal areas of the world ravaged by storms, floods, wildfires, droughts, or other natural disasters. Bring all things to new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.
God of life, show redemption to all who watch and wait with eager expectation: those longing for wars to cease, those waiting for immigration paperwork to finalize, those seeking election, and those in dire need of humanitarian relief. Come quickly with your hope. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, you weep with those who grieve. Unbind all who are held captive by anxiety, despair, or pain. Fill us with compassion and empathy for those who struggle, and keep us faithful in prayer. We pray for all those affected by the COVID-19 virus, those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for opportunities for this congregation to collaborate with our community in caring for the needs of our neighbors. Strengthen our ties with other local congregations, agencies, and services. Strengthen all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, watch over the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of life, you are our resurrection. We remember all those who have died and trust that, in you, they will live again. Breathe new life into our dry bones, that we, too, might live with you forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.
According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

*Share a sign of peace with someone in your home, or share a message of peace via text, tweet, or post (or call someone after worship.)*

**THE SOLO**

*En Priere*

Text: Stéphan Bordèse (1847-1919)

Gabriel Fauré (1845 – 1924)

Mary Kay Atlas, *soprano*

If the voice of a child can reach you, oh my Father, listen to Jesus before you on his knees in prayer. If you have chosen me to teach your laws on earth, I will serve you, almighty King of Kings. Oh Light. Place on my lips your solitary truth that those who doubt you may, with humility, revere you. Do not abandon me. Give me the grace to appease the evil hearts and console the sadness and misery. Reveal thyself to me, Lord in whom I believe and hope. For you I would like to suffer and die on the cross at Calvary.

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Let us pray together.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.
LORD'S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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, forever and ever.
Amen.

THE SOLO
The Lord bless you and keep you

Mary Kay Atlas, soprano

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, to shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

BENEDICTION
Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, let bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. Amen.
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
   praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
   praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.

3. Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
   Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert’s burning sand;
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.

calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.
Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.
DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Follow the cross.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Toccata, Op. 1184
Carson Cooman
(b. 1982)

While we will continue to staff the church office to conduct everyday business, such as answering the phones and mail service.
The office is closed.
We will continue to share information regarding life and worship at Holy Trinity. You can always check out the website for up-to-date information.
LYO PLANT SALE: It’s that time of year again for the Annual LYO Plant Sale. Order forms may be obtained on the website or by calling the church office. Orders are due by Sunday, April 4 and pick up will be Saturday, May 16 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Please turn in your order form as soon as possible. Order forms and payments can be mailed to the church office.

FOOD DONATIONS: To support those in need of food from our NRC food pantry and from the emergency bags our Pastors provide, if you are able to donate, these are the items most needed. For our pastor's bags: The Pop top canned easy meals , ex. Ravioli meals. For the Food Bank : Canned tuna, soups, and tomatoes. Items may be brought to the church. Please call ahead to alert the staff that you are planning to donate and arrange a convenient time.

ALTAR FLOWERS: As floral shops are considered non-essential, we are sorry to say we will not have altar flowers until further notice. If you have dedicated flowers during this time, have already paid for them and would like a refund, please call the church office. Thank you and we wish to have our beautiful flowers back on the altar shortly.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Holy Trinity has an electronic option for making regular offerings or a one-time donation. If you would like to sign up, please fill out the forms located on the tables in the narthex and return to the office. Please call the church office with questions.
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