

Fifth Sunday of Lent



seeking:
*Can these
bones live?*

March 26, 2023 – 10 a.m. Rite II

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Des Plaines, Illinois

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Lectionary Readings

Collect

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 Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

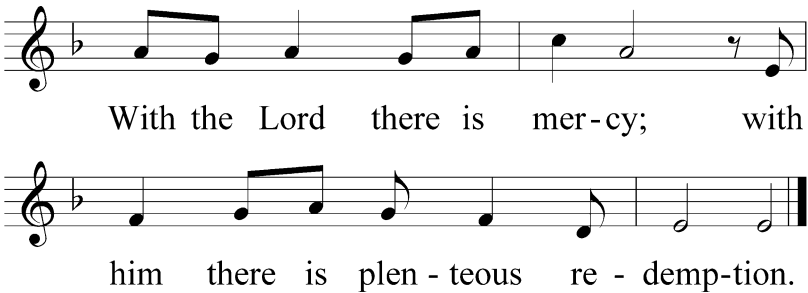
¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy 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."

⁷So 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. ⁸I 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. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy 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." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they

lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then 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.’ ¹²Therefore 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. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I 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.”

Psalm 130



With the Lord there is mer-cy; with
him there is plen-teous re-demp-tion.

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Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For 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, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When 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." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The 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. ³²When 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." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The 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."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Music

Offertory Hymn Lord, whose love through humble service
H610 - (vss 1-3)

Communion Hymn See Worship Book

Final Hymn O for a thousand tongues to sing
H493 - (vss 1-3, 6)

Community Prayer List

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit:

Amanda Vandervort, Ann Davis, Charles Sterner, Connie Proctor, Bob & Diane Rogalcheck, Gay Miezin, Heidi Partain, Irene Stone, Jane Goerss & family, Ken Fringer, Laura Wolff, Marlon Brooks, Mark Savage, Debbie, Sarah, Nancy Modrow,

Nancy Schaper, Robin Alley, Tom Beechey, Carol Doss, The Abraham family, the George family, Ken Fornoff, Bob Modrow, Ana Kagen, Lisa Stevens, Joan Miller, Judy Ladendorf, Jameil Alaboudi, Chris, Gus Marchetti and Scott McConnell.

For the members of the Des Plaines Chronic Pain Group.

For all who are suffering because of recent natural disasters, as well as human tragedies, for refugees, all who are affected by gun violence, systemic racism, and everyone impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

For those who have died:

Darlene Bedo, Lillian Buzevich, Irene Stone, The Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswold III

Announcements

Lenten Speaker Series - Week 5

 **St. Martin's Episcopal Church Invites You To:** 

Immigration: A Christian Response
with Diocese of Chicago Sanctuary Task Force

Members of the Sanctuary Task Force will discuss the current U.S. immigration situation and roles being played by religious denominations and not-for-profit organizations as well as the collaborative relationships between non-profits and communities of faith. Presentation/discussion will take place on March 29, from 6:30-8:00pm in Strauss-Betker Hall followed by a meditative service in the sanctuary. All are welcome - in person or by registering for the Zoom link at www.saintmartinschurchdpc.com.

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CHICAGO** The Sanctuary Task Force, created by convention, connects with other local and national sanctuary communities and institutions, immigrant rights groups and coalitions, and engages in educating, organizing, advocacy and direct action to ensure the safety and security of the undocumented community. The task force assists in equipping congregations, clergy and lay leaders to engage in this work based on their local contexts, capacity, and discernment and implementing the work called for by the resolution.

The series is in a hybrid format – synchronously in-person and on Zoom.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yp6TProESTikteINZ-3RMA

If attending in-person, you do NOT need to register.
To attend via Zoom, registration is required:

No Zoom account needed.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!
No Hosts = No Coffee Hour
Please sign up in the Parish Hall.



TODAY:
Trans Day of Visibility Commemoration
Evensong
Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. (EST)
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul



Join Bishop Perry at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit for Trans Day of Visibility Commemoration - Evensong on Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. with guest preacher The Very Rev. M. E. Eccles, rector of St. Martin Episcopal Church, Des Plaines, Illinois.

M.E's primary interests are the full inclusion of diverse populations in the church and beyond, animal welfare and environmental conservation. An intersection of his passion for pastoral care and the church is helping the disenfranchised find their place and voice in church.



M.E. is trans male and married to Kathleen Erin Eccles; they are the loving animal parents of two wonderful dogs. Services are livestreamed at <https://detroitcathedral.org/>

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

April 2: Palm Sunday - 10:00am

April 6 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00pm

April 7 - Good Friday

Social Justice Stations of the Cross (Self Guided) 12 noon - 6:30pm

Good Friday Service 7:00pm

Social Justice Stations 8:30pm - 10:00pm

April 8 - Holy Saturday

Great Vigil - 8:00pm

April 9 - Easter Sunday

Festival Eucharist - 10:00am

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SMEC Spring Craft & Vendor Fair - April 1 st - 10am-4pm

Seedling Exchange - Sunday, May 7 th - 11:30am

PET BLESSING ~ Saturday, May 20 th - 12:30pm

**Meet children's book author Jarrett Dapier, author of
Mr. Watson's Chickens**

One Book, One Diocese

Virtual book discussions on April 13 and 25

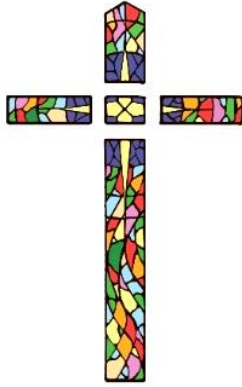
On April 13 and 25, people from across the Diocese of Chicago will gather on Zoom to discuss **Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter** by the Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary and canon theologian at the Washington National Cathedral.

Douglas will speak about her book via Zoom during the session on April 25 from 7 to 9 pm Central. **Register to attend.**



“I’m delighted to welcome my friend and colleague Kelly Brown Douglas back to our diocese, even if only via Zoom,” Bishop Paula Clark said. “Kelly’s visionary theological work continues to guide us from despair to hope as we continue the journey toward the Beloved Community that God intends for us.”

The programs, presented by the diocesan Peace and Justice Committee and the Antiracism Commission, are the first in a “One Book, One Diocese” initiative that Ellen Lindeen, chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, modeled on the Chicago Public Library’s popular “**One Book, One Chicago**” program.



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All are welcome
and fed with the love of God
pets too!

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