

Thus says the
Lord God to
these bones:
I will cause
breath to enter
you, and you
shall live.

Ezekiel 37:5



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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Invocation: L: We begin in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” ELW #752

*Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!
(repeat)*

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Opening Dialog: Psalm 130 and *The Spirit Intercedes for Us*

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*The Spirit intercedes
For us with sighs too deep
For words to express, Oh (repeat)*

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

C: ***Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!***

*The Spirit intercedes
For us with sighs too deep
For words to express, Oh*

L: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

C: ***But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.***

*The Spirit intercedes
For us with sighs too deep
For words to express, Oh*

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord

C: ***More than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.***

*The Spirit intercedes
For us with sighs too deep
For words to express, Oh*

L: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

C: ***It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.***

*The Spirit intercedes
For us with sighs too deep
For words to express, Oh (repeat)*

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Prayer of the Day:

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbor, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love of them, and your love for them, for your name's sake. Amen.

Bible Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 – read by Harold Sager

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 round 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 them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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 prophecy, 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.'

Word of God, Word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Prayers of the People: Led by Nancy Monken

Lord, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

C: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Benediction

Closing Hymn: *What Wonderful Love Is This* – ELW #666

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 When I was sinking down, sinking down,
 When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for my soul,
 Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
 While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
 While millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,
 And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 And through eternity I'll sing on.

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L: You have been called. You have been gathered (digitally). You have been equipped. Now you are being sent. God in peace to serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!