



**SERVICE ORDER**  
**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**Almighty God,  
look in mercy on your family.  
By your great goodness, guide and protect us forever  
in body and soul. We ask this through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCE: JOHN 11:25-26**

*I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will have life even if they die. And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

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**INVOCATION**

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

**Pentecost Prayer**

**When this earth was created,  
It was God who spoke the word, and it was done;  
Gave his warmth to the cold earth;  
All was new and all was young, Time had begun.**

**Make me warm, when I am cold; Make me young, when I am old;  
Move me, touch me inside; Let your love burn in me now.**

**If I'm rough, make me gentle;  
If my words are hard and sharp, soften this heart.**

**If I'm weak, make me stronger,  
Let me look to you for strength To make a new start.**

**Make me warm, when I am cold; Make me young, when I am old;  
Move me, touch me inside; Let your love burn in me now.**

**If I'm deaf, break the silence;  
If I'm blinded by the dark, give me your light.  
If I'm lame and I stumble,  
Let me take your hand again, And hold it so tight.**

**Make me warm, when I am cold; Make me young, when I am old;  
Move me, touch me inside; Let your love burn in me now.**

**If you speak, let me hear you;  
Help me recognize your voice everywhere.  
If you pass, let me see you;  
Help me know the face is yours, Help me to care.**

**Make me warm, when I am cold; Make me young, when I am old;  
Move me, touch me inside; Let your love burn in me now.**

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### **CONFESSION**

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,  
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.*

**PSALM 130**

*<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;*

*<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice.*

*Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.*

**With the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**

*<sup>3</sup> If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?*

*<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.*

**With the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**

*<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.*

*<sup>6</sup> I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.*

**With the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**

*<sup>7</sup> Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.*

*<sup>8</sup> He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.*

**With the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.**

**Glory to the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray that we remain united with Christ.*

[silence]

**Jesus our Saviour,  
thank you for coming to give us life  
through your suffering and death.  
Keep us following you wherever you lead us,  
because we know that you have promised  
to take us home to God.  
For you live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **BIBLE READING**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14** Vision of the valley of dry bones (NIVUK)

<sup>37</sup>The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He asked me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ I said, ‘Sovereign LORD, you alone know.’ <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to these bones and say to them, “Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup>This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath<sup>[a]</sup> enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup>I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.”’ <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.”’ <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me: ‘Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.” <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy and say to them: “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of

Israel. <sup>13</sup>Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup>I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.””

*After the reading*  
*This is the Word of the LORD.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11** The Spirit of God lives in you (NIVUK)

<sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life<sup>[a]</sup> because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of<sup>[b]</sup> his Spirit who lives in you.

*After the reading*  
*This is the Word of the LORD.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**LENTEN VERSE: PHILLIPIANS 2:8**

Christ humbled Himself,  
and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

**GOSPEL: John 11:1-45** The raising of Lazarus- Jesus’ last sign (NIVUK)

*Before the reading*  
**Glory be to You, O LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Now a man named Lazarus was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>(This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay ill, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup>So

the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is ill.' <sup>4</sup> When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This illness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it.' <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days, <sup>7</sup> and then he said to his disciples, 'Let us go back to Judea.' <sup>8</sup> 'But Rabbi,' they said, 'a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?' <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the day-time will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. <sup>10</sup> It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.' <sup>11</sup> After he had said this, he went on to tell them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.' <sup>12</sup> His disciples replied, 'Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.' <sup>13</sup> Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. <sup>14</sup> So then he told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' <sup>16</sup> Then Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>) said to the rest of the disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' <sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles<sup>[b]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.' <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' <sup>24</sup> Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.' <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?' <sup>27</sup> 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.' <sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. 'The Teacher is here,' she said, 'and is asking for you.' <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they

replied. <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' <sup>38</sup> Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. <sup>39</sup> 'Take away the stone,' he said. 'But, Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.' <sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.' <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.' <sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

*After the reading*

*This is the gospel of the LORD.*

**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**Lord Jesus, the resurrection and the life,  
thank you for overcoming death.  
May we believe in you and live forever.  
Amen.**

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## Revive Thy work, O Lord

**Revive your work, O Lord: your mighty arm prepare;  
speak with the voice that wakes the dead, and make your people hear.**

**Revive your work, O Lord: disturb this sleep of death;  
give life to smouldering embers now by your almighty breath.**

**Revive your work, O Lord: create soul-thirst for you;  
and hunger for the bread of life within our hearts renew.**

**Revive your work, O Lord: exalt your precious name;  
and by your Holy Spirit, love for you and yours inflame.**

**Revive your work, O Lord: give Pentecostal showers;  
the glory shall be all your own, the blessing, Lord, be ours.**

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## SERMON

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## Holy Spirit living Breath of God

**Holy Spirit living Breath of God Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Let the presence of the risen Lord Come renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your word to come alive in me Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity Holy Spirit breathe new life in me**

**Holy Spirit come abide within May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace Breath of God show Christ in all I do**



Holy Spirit from creation's birth Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see

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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Thank you, eternal God,  
for giving us new life.  
Help us to live according to your Spirit,  
and willingly serve you  
and our fellow human beings,  
with all that we are and all that we have.  
**Amen.***

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*We were dead in our sins, but the word of God entered into our tomb and called us out into new life. Let us pray to the Father, knowing that he listens to us.*

Dear Father in Heaven: thank you for the gift of new life that you have given to us through the waters of our baptism. Help us, as your baptised people to daily die to sin and rise to new life with Christ in the power of the Spirit.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

We pray for all those who are mourning the death of a loved one. Comfort them in the knowledge that Jesus has won a victory over death, so that everyone who dies in Christ may have eternal life. Keep us from fearing death, but at times of doubt, help us put our faith in Jesus.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

We pray for hospices and for people who work with the dying. Keep them strong, and give them peace to do their difficult work with dignity and sensitivity. We pray for all those people who work with alcoholics and drug addicts. Use them to make a difference to people's lives, and to help them start their life anew.

*Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer***

As we move close to Easter, help us to live as Easter people who face death in the certain hope of resurrection. Remind us and comfort us everyday with your promise that we will be raised up together with all who have died in the faith of Christ.

*Lord in your mercy:* **hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, through the death and resurrection of your Son, you rescue us from death and the grave. Restore us to life, so that we may serve you in the world; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

*Let us bless the LORD.  
God be praised forevermore.  
The LORD bless us and keep us.  
The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.  
The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.  
Amen!*

### **GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING**

*May the Spirit of God live in you and fill you with new life.  
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## WORDS OF SENDING

*Go in peace.*

*God, who raised Christ from death,  
will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit.*

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his Word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name - the Lord, the mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

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## HYMNS AND SONGS

### **First reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

#### **LHS**

- 128 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God\*  
129 Breathe on me, breath of God  
227 O Spirit of the living God G5  
229 Revive Thy work, O Lord\* G5  
860 When this earth was created GS

#### **AT**

- 1 Lord of our days  
99 Pentecost prayer  
142 O Mary, don't you weep  
202 We're gonna move when the  
Spirit says move  
218 Spirit, Spirit of gentleness  
251 God sends us his Spirit  
416 We will rise up  
502 Patiently waiting for you

### **Second reading: Romans 8:6-11**

#### **LHS**

- 119 Come down, O Love divine G9  
122 O Holy Ghost, Thou gift divine\*  
133 O Holy Ghost, Thy people bless  
141 Father of heaven, whose love  
profound G5  
774 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling G6  
798 Eternal ruler of the ceaseless  
round G6

#### **AT**

- 251 God sends us his Spirit  
264 Spirit of God, you're with me

### **Gospel: John 11:1-45**

#### **LHS**

- 175 Thou art the way\* G6  
176 We come, O Christ, to Thee G9  
327 Jesus, Thy blood and  
righteousness\*  
838 I am the Bread of life GS

#### **AT**

- 142 O Mary, don't you weep  
167 I am the bread of life  
225 Why do you love me?  
236 Jesus the Christ said  
490 When human voices cannot sing