



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St. Paul & St. James



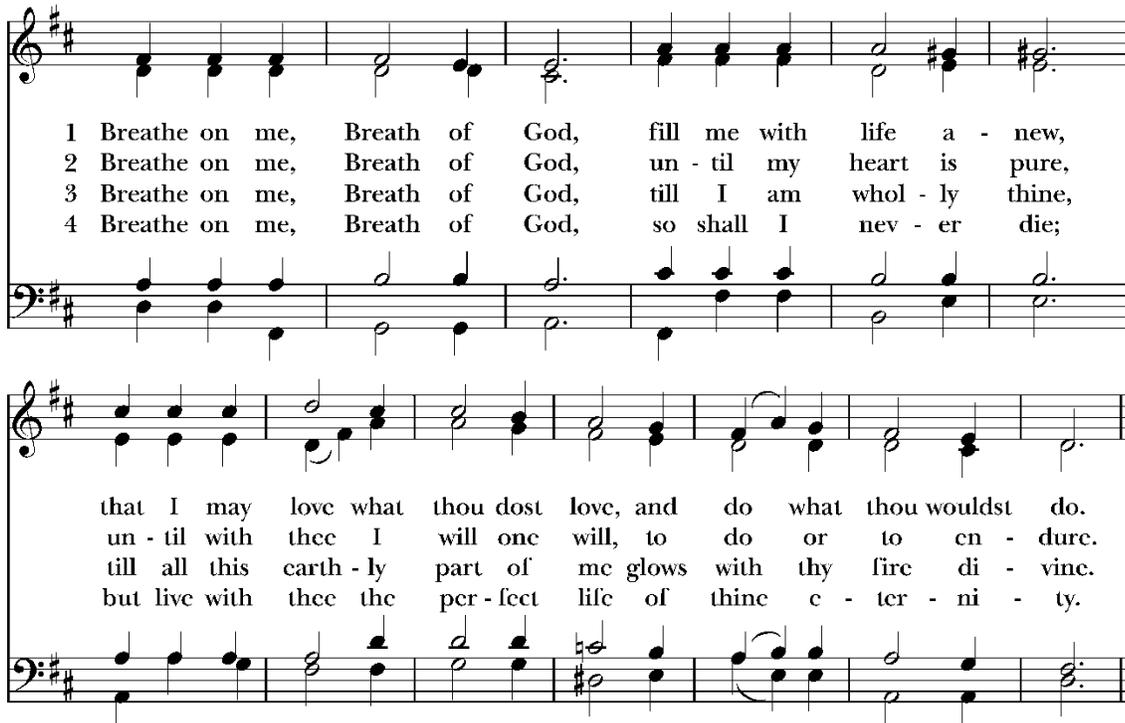
THE RAISING OF LAZARUS.

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023
10:30 AM Morning Prayer

PRELUDE

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

OPENING HYMN H508 *Breathe on me, Breath of God*



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this carth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine c - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

Leader: Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN.

ABSOLUTION

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **AMEN.**

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **AMEN.**

Please be seated for the Psalm and Readings.

THE PSALM Psalm 130 *De profundis*

(Said together)

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **AMEN.**

HYMN OF PRAISE **WLP825** *Bless the Lord My Soul*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me in - to life.

A READING FROM 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 11:1-45

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

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

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Reverend Lynne Severance

JAZZ RESPONSE

A musical response to the sermon

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. AMEN.

PADRE nuestro
que estás en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga tu reino
Hágase tu voluntad
En la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy el pan de este día y
perdona nuestras deudas
como nosotros perdonamos
nuestros deudores
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación
sino que líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la
Gloria, ahora y por siempre. AMEN.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Christ, have mercy."

For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the Church of God in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For those on our prayer list, especially Emerson, Hanne, Jenna, John, Nanci, Edd, Theresa, Julie, Marcia, Paige, Pam, Ralph and those we pray for aloud, or in silence... let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O God by your grace. Let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

To all those with birthdays this week, known and unknown to us, we pray the Birthday Prayer together...

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, especially Judy H., Nancy, Lynne, Hanne, Daniel, and Shirley, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

And, together, we offer a Special Prayer for Hanne...

Faithful God, our friend, Hanne, has become like a family member to many of us here at St PJs. As she observes her 98th birthday on March 28th, we pray for her to experience an abundance of love from her Creator, her family, and her church community. We ask also that God's peace which passes all understanding be with her the rest of her days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Leader: O God of love, you are the true sun of the world, ever more risen and never going down: We pray you to shine in our hearts and drive away the darkness of sin and the mist of error. We pray that we may, this day and all our lives long, walk without stumbling in the way you have prepared for us, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God in glory everlasting. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: La paz del Senor sea siempre con ustedes. *People:* **Y con tu espiritu.**
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS 106 Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, — I am
 2 When my way grows — drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near, — When my
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws — near, — And the



tired, I am weak, I am worn; — Through the
 life is — al - most — gone; — Hear my
 day is — past and — gone; — At the



storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light, — Take my
 cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall, — Take my
 riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand, — Take my



hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. — 2 When my
 hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. — 3 When the
 hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. —

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **AMEN.**

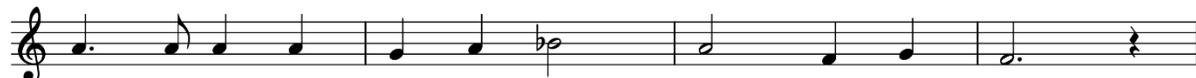
Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

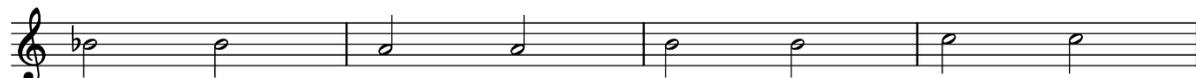
CLOSING HYMN LEVAS 115 *Spirit of the Living God*



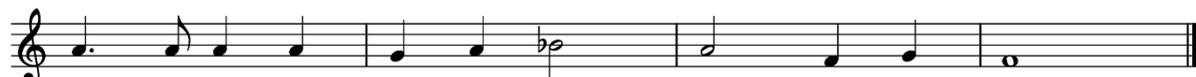
Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.



Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.



Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

DISMISSAL

Leader: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: AMEN.

POSTLUDE

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GRACE NOTES

— YOU ARE WELCOME HERE —

Sunday Worship

10:30 am

*in person and livestreamed on Facebook
visit our website to find the livestream*

Wednesday Noonday Prayer

12:30 pm

*in person in the Chapel,
enter by the ramp off Chapel St.*

Tues/Thurs Evening Compline

8:00 pm

*on Zoom
visit our website for the Zoom link*

SERVING TODAY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 26, 2023

Leader:

Tudy Hill, Minister of Pastoral Care

Preacher:

The Reverend Lynne Severance

Worship Leaders:

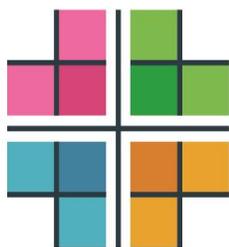
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ST. PJS COVID-19 POLICY

We, as God's community seek to lift up the most vulnerable among us by continuing to wear masks at all times within the church. Mask wearing will continue to be optional for readers, preachers, and celebrants while they are speaking.

Please be aware that by attending church, you are participating in our live stream, which means you may appear in a video that is saved on our Facebook page.

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REGULAR EVENTS

SHARE A PRAYER

Churchgoers

The man sat down and said,

“This pew is too hard!”

The woman sat down and said,

“This pew is too soft!”

The child sat down and said,

“This pew is just right!”

Some get in the habit of denigrating
when it's just as easy

To get in the habit of celebrating.

(Ann Weems, 'Kneeling in Jerusalem')

EASTER ENVELOPES

If you would like to have those special to you remembered (in Memory of and/or in Thanksgiving) on Easter Sunday, please complete an Easter envelope or submit the names via email to:

stpaulstjames@snet.net by Friday, March 31st.



TO DONATE TO ST. PJs

If you wish to donate to St. PJs, via Venmo, Paypal or Credit Card, please scan the QR code below:



NOTICES

WELCOME TO ST. PJs!

If you're visiting St. PJs for the first time, or for the first time in a while, we extend a special welcome to you. Whether you are joining us in the building or via Facebook, we're so fortunate to be together. Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on life's journey, and whatever questions dwell in your heart, you are welcome here. Whatever your race, class, sexuality, beliefs, or talents, we hope that you join us in the radical hospitality of God's table.

If you are worshipping with children today, welcome! And please don't worry – crying, laughter, and wandering little feet don't bother us! If you need help finding the bathrooms or a changing table please ask an Usher.

Finally, we invite you to consider signing one of our guest books, located at the front and back of the church. This will allow us to keep you up-to-date on all the “goings on” around St. PJs.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Sunday, April 2nd** at 10:30 a.m., Palm Sunday, including Second Line Parade and Holy Eucharist
- **Thursday, April 6th** at 6:30 p.m., Maundy Thursday Supper Church, including Dinner, Foot-washing, and Stripping of the altar followed by *Sitting Vigil with Jesus*, Thursday from 8 p.m.-11 p.m. and Friday from 6 a.m.-noon in person (registration required) and overnight via livestream (no registration required)
- **Friday, April 7th** at Noon, Good Friday Service
- **Sunday, April 9th** at 10:30 a.m., Easter Sunday Festive Eucharist

The Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. James invites you to

Social Justice: Native Corn and Food Sovereignty

FRIDAY, APRIL 21ST

6:00-8:00 PM

57 Olive St., New Haven, CT

Join us for a talk by Tortillería Semilla, with tacos featuring their traditional handmade corn tortillas!

Register here:



PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed and their families and friends.

Blessed are they who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit for they rest from their labors.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

We give thanks for the birthdays and anniversaries of members, friends, and supporters of the St. PJ's community.

Judy Hopkins (3/26)
Nancy Noyes (3/26)
Lynne Severance (3/26)
Hanne Howard (3/28)
Daniel Armando Santana-Gonzalez (3/29)
Shirley Mero (4/1)

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing...
-Romans 15:13*

ST. PJ'S PRAYER LIST

The list reflects prayer requests for those who are homebound, or who have long-term concerns. During the Prayers of the People we read aloud the names of those who are experiencing acute illness or distress.

Charles Amore	Theresa Kovacs	Julie
Charles Harris	Edd Eldridge	Marilyn Bergen
Jennifer Nelson & Marilyn Nelson	Andrew, Anastasia & Katherine Oghy	Jean & Dick Sayre
Gary & Susan Sapp	baby Jasper	Annette Coscia
Gwen Chapin	Misha	Paige
Hanne Howard	Herman Mukwaya	John DeRosa
Henry Noyes	Isaiah Colville	Cynthia King
Nanci Perez	Harriet Baskerville	Emerson
Leota Tucker	Karl Mini	Jenna
Martha	Michael	D.B.
Tiras Jaske	Nanci Perez	Ralph Magwood
Alene Tate	Tim Barnes	Pam Bray
Edwina Johnson	Krista Fanelli	Crystal
Marcia Smith	Anna	

OUR STAFF

The Rev. Stacey Kohl, Priest-in-Charge
William Cleary, Director of Music
Dylan Rowland, Associate Music Director
Tudy Hill, Minister of Pastoral Care
Susan Yates, Liturgist
Crystal Gooding, Parish Administrator
Samuel Rodriguez, Sexton
The Rev. Steve Crowson, Priest Associate

OUR VESTRY

Wardens: Claire Cody, Bill Evans
Treasurer: David Hill
Clerk: Maggie King

Marilyn Bergen	Lynne Severance	Isaac Mukwaya
Maggie King	Vanessa Gonzalez-Rivera	Roni Holcomb