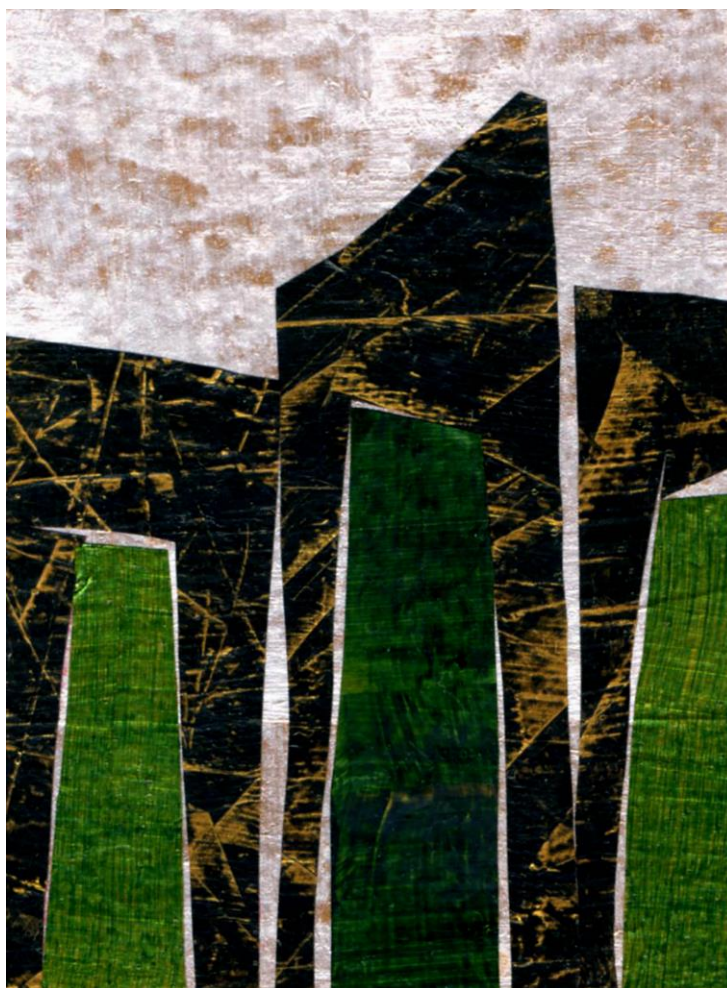


The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

10:30am ~ Morning Prayer with Amazing Grace ~



"Where Hope Lives" by Jan Richardson

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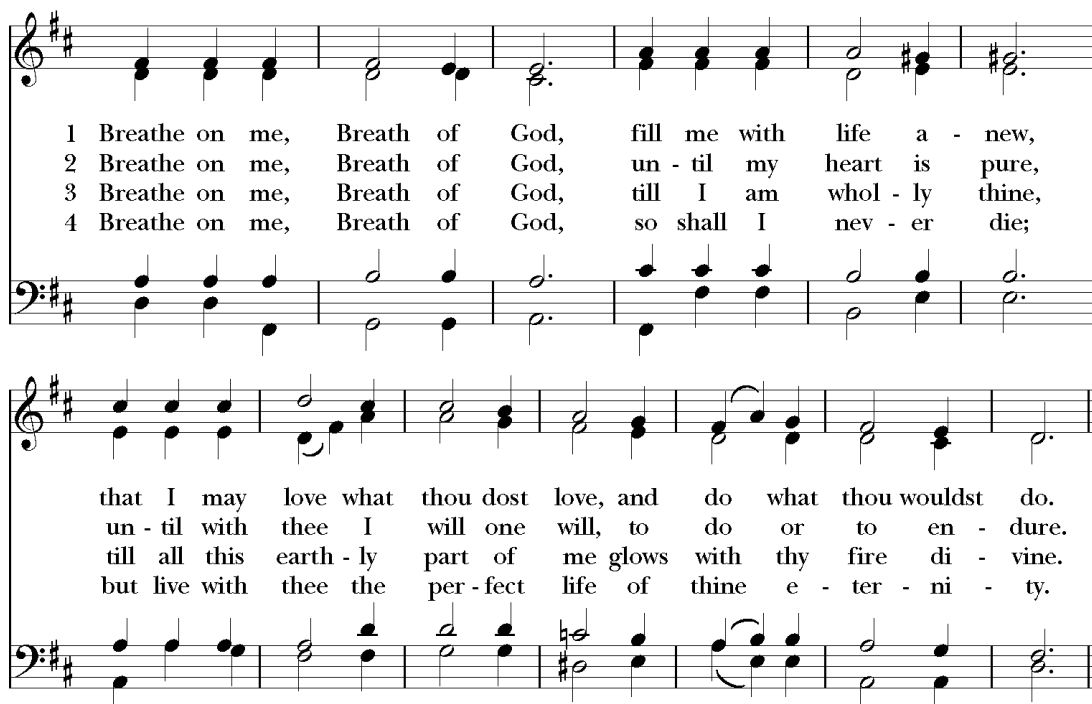
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10:30am Sunday Morning Prayer in Lent

OPENING HYMN

Breathe on Me Breath of God

HYMNAL #508



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 earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Section: The Holy Spirit. Title: Breathe on me, Breath of God. Meter: SM. Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: Nova Vita, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969). Reprinted under onelicense.net. #A-714071.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: The living God, the living, moving Spirit of God has called us together in witness, in celebration, in struggle.

Let us reach out toward each other as God reaches out toward us.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Officiant: Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the wills and affections of your people. Grant us grace to love what you ask 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, who lives and loves with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God our neighbor and ourselves.

All: **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.**

Officiant: 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.**

THE INVITATION

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

All: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Creator, Liberator and Sustainer:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Jubilate

Psalm 100

Teachers: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before God's presence with a song.

Healers: Know this: The Lord alone is God;
The One who made us, and we are God's;
we are the people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Teachers: Enter the gates with thanksgiving;
go into God's courts with praise;
give thanks and call upon God's Name.

Healers: For God is good;
God's mercy is everlasting;
and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE PSALM

Psalm 130

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

All: Glory to God, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.


THE HEBREW BIBLE**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 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, '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.'


Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to God's people

All: **Thanks be to God**


Unison




1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 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 that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



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 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.

(Continued)

Harmony (the melody is in the tenor)



1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

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Section: Jesus Christ our Lord. Title: What wondrous love is this. Meter: 12 9. 12. 12 9. Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835
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THE EPISTLE

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 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. 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. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 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.

Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to God's people
All: Thanks be to God

HYMN

Amazing Grace

HYMNAL #671

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

Section: The Christian Life Title: Amazing grace! how sweet the sound. Meter: CM Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus Music: New Britain, from Virginia Harmony 1831. adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919) Copyright Music: Harmonization copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press. Reprinted under onelicense.net. #A-714071.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

All: Glory to you, O Christ

The Holy 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, it was only recently that they tried to stone you--and you want to go back 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. Since Bethany was only about two miles from Jerusalem, many people had come out to console Martha and Mary 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." 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. Those who were there consoling her saw her get up quickly and followed Mary, thinking she was going to the tomb to mourn. 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 other mourners as well, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. The people in the crowd began to remark, "See how much he loved him!" Others said, "He made the blind person see; why couldn't he have done something to prevent Lazarus's death?" 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 those who had come to console Martha and Mary, and saw what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

Officiant: The Gospel of our Christ

All: Praise to you, O Christ

REFLECTIONS

The Rev'd. Tamra Tucker

STATEMENT OF FAITH

**All: We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,
we put our trust in God;
and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves,
in the service of others,
to seek justice, and to live in peace;
to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness;
to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love.
And in the company of the faithful we will be the church,
a community of flawed and forgiving disciples,
for the glory of God alone.
Amen.**

Statement of Faith adapted from the Iona Community © 2001

THE PEACE

Officiant: May the Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

Officiant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth!
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.**

SUFFRAGE

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;
All: **And grant us your salvation.**
Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
All: **Let your people sing with joy.**
Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
All: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;
All: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;
All: **Your saving health among all nations.**
Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
All: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
All: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

Officiant: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray together.

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all adversities; that we, surely trusting in you, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the promise of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All Sing: *Here we stand; opening our hearts to you;
Hear our prayer, and keep us close.*

One: For all people in their daily life and work.

All: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

One: For this community, the nation, and the world.

All: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

One: For the just and proper use of your creation; this community, the nation, and the world.

All: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

One: For the just and proper use of your creation.

All: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

One: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble

All: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

One: For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

All: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

One: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers.

All: **For all who serve God in church.**

One: Hear us, God.

All: **For your mercy is great.**

All Sing: *Here we stand; opening our hearts to you;
Hear our prayer, and keep us close.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All: Almighty God, Creator of all mercies,
we give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
and for your presence in our Savior Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: 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.

¹**THE BLESSING**

All: **Tender God, touch us.
Be touched by us;
Make us lovers of humanity,
Compassionate friends of all creation.
Gracious God, hear us into speech;
Speak us into acting;
And through us, recreate the world.
Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Abide with Me

HYMNAL #662

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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DISMISSAL

Officiant: Go forth in peace and joy to love and serve God!
All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE