

**ST. STEPHEN'S WITH ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH,  
CHAMBLY AND GRACE CHURCH, L'ACADIE**



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**MORNING PRAYER (BAS)  
5th SUNDAY OF LENT  
SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

**“We believe we are called by God to be a faithful ministry to God through our actions, while true to the Gospel and spiritually alive in prayer, worship and service, to reach out to our community and grow in ministry.”**

**MORNING PRAYER**  
**Officiant: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell**  
**Organist: Colin Langille**

Opening Hymn: #306 – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing – {Tune: Richmond}

Sentence: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. {John 11.25, 26}

The service resumes on Page 47 of the BAS [Green book]

The Invitatory: Lent #8 [pg. 48]

**Jubilate:** [Psalm 100] [pg. 49]

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**  
**Reader: Clara Constance**

***The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 130 verses 1 to 7 found on Pg. 888 of the BAS. We will all repeat the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.***

Today's first reading is taken from Ezekiel, Chapter 37 verses 1-14

{Ezekiel 37:1-14}

Listen now for the word of God.....

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, 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.'

{Silence followed by}

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

This morning's second reading is from Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8 verses 6-11  
{Romans 8:6-11}

Listen now for the Word of God....

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.

{Silence followed by}

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.....

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Gradual Hymn: #649 – Breathe on Me, Breath of God - {Tune: Trentham}

Rev'd Andy O'Donnell: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also, with you**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John, in the 11th Chapter, beginning at the first verse. [John 11:1-45]

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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 for 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 for 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 upwards 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.

The Gospel of Christ

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

Homily: Rev'd Andy O'Donnell

Affirmation of Faith

**The Apostles' Creed: Page 52**

**Prayers of the People with Thanks to Lowell Grisham**  
**Dorothy Cunningham**

Presider: Gracious and Eternal One, we thank you for having heard us and for sending Jesus, the resurrection and the life, to be among us to raise us from death into new life: Let the breath of your Spirit come from the four winds to inspire us as we pray: Our souls wait for you, O God; **in your word is our hope.**

Litanist: Set the mind of the Church on your Spirit which is life and peace, O Holy One, that we may walk in your light and not stumble, living in the trust that brings eternal life. Our souls wait for you, O God; **in your word is our hope.**

Prophecy to the breath, Almighty One, and let the power of your living spirit enter into the dry bones of all who suffer from oppression and threat, that those who lead and who hold authority in the world may be instruments of life and healing, banishing violence and injustice from the face of the earth. Our souls wait for you, O God; **in your word is our hope.**

Look upon all of us living in darkness or the shadow of death, and by the power of your spirit take away the stones that entomb and the bondage that inhibits: Unbind them, and let them go! Our souls wait for you, O God; **in your word is our hope.**

Let all who live in this community call to you from our depths and wait upon your plenteous redemption, that we may walk in your light and know your resurrection power. Our souls wait for you, O God; **in your word is our hope.**

Let your spirit be disturbed and deeply moved by the suffering of your people, especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, the Agle family, the Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lynn Pearce, Olga, The McConnell family, the Stedman family, Lil and Joe Robinson, Ann & Al Hopkins, Sylvia Dawson, Joel and Sarah, Donald Sloane, Jennifer, Derek Marchand, Ted Neville, Leslie Ederer & John Rennie. In the wider community we pray for Patrick Turgeon, Virginia, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Keith Donahue, Dianne, Luna Utrera, Yolanda, Pauline, Jerry Prokoki, Ann Barton, Alvin Powell, Sheila & Art Atwood and Veronica Valentine. Our souls wait for you, O God; **in your word is our hope.**

Presider: From the depths have we called to you; O God, hear our voice. We thank you for the gift of resurrection through your Son Jesus and for the breath of the Spirit that brings life into our bones: Lead us to walk the way of Jesus, that we may share in his life-giving work to bring healing, hope and reconciliation unto all the earth, through him in whom we live and move and have our being, Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we uphold in prayer Mary our Bishop, David our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Priests, Clergy, Deacons and Lay readers in the Diocese. We also pray for Church of the Epiphany, The Rev. Amy Hamilton, and The Rev. Deacon Jean Willcocks. In the world we pray for The Anglican Church of South America. We also remember in prayer Rt. Rev'd. Dr. Bruce Myers, Bishop, Diocese of Quebec and for our partnerships with the Territory of the Peoples, and for the Diocese of Masasi, Bishop James

Almasi and the Rev'd Linus Buriani, and our developing friendship with the Diocese of Kinshasa, Bishop Achille. Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayers.**

**Offertory Hymn:** #542 – Out of the Depths – {Tune: Sandon}

**Offertory Prayer: Pg. 294**

**Collect: Pg. 293**

**The Lord's Prayer – Pg. 54**

**Birthdays this Week**

Bruno St-Laurent – March 26th  
Katie Ellwood – March 26th  
Megan Jutras (Ward) – March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Stephanie Guevin (Moquin) – March 27<sup>th</sup>  
Beverly & Terry's Anniversary – March 28<sup>th</sup>  
Eileen Braganza – March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Debbie Hamel – March 31st

**"Happy Birthday to you, To Jesus be True,  
May God's many blessings, Keep falling on you"**

**Closing Hymn:** #LP #22– Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine.

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 55

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Coffee will follow in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Barbara.

Blessing: (Officiant)

**All: Amen.**

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