The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Dean: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People: God's mercy endures forever.

Introit

Cantate Domino canticum novum, Sing unto the LORD a new song,
laus eius in Ecclesia Sanctorum. and his praise in the congregation of saints.
Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum, Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
et filii Sion, exultent in rege suo. let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Psalm 149:1–2

Hymn 116

The God of Abraham praise

LEONI

Collect (in unison)

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.
Kyrie

Kyrie eleison,  Lord, have mercy,
Christe eleison,  Christ, have mercy,
Kyrie eleison.  Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

The Dean:  If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All:  Thanks be to God.

Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Lector:  A lesson from the Book of Ezekiel, chapter 37, verses 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:  The Word of the Lord.
People:  Thanks be to God.
Anthem  Christus factus est  

Christus factus est pro nobis  
obediens usque ad mortem,  
mortem autem crucis.  
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum,  
et dedit illi nomen,  
quod est super omne nomen.  

Christ was made obedient for us  
even unto death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God also has exalted him,  
and given him a name  
which is above every name.

Gradual for the Mass on Maundy Thursday

Lesson  Romans 8:6–11

Lector:  A lesson from St. Paul’s epistle to the Romans, chapter 8, verses 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.

Lector:  The Word of the Lord.

People:  Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.

Cantor:  Out of the depths I cry to you, O L ORD.

People:  Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
Cantor: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, 
Lord, who could stand?

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

Cantor: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, 
and in his word I hope;

People: my soul waits for the Lord 
more than those who watch for the morning, 
more than those who watch for the morning.

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

People: It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. 🎵

♪ Gloria Patri ♪
from ‘Jubilate: Collegium Regale’
Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; 
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

♪ Gospel Lesson ♪
John 11:17–45

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 11, verses 17–45:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon “Augustine: City of God” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill Dean of the Chapel

Hymn 420 Breathe on me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

Call to Prayer Lead me, Lord (sung by all) LEAD ME, LORD

The music to this hymn is found on page 473 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; Make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, That maketh me dwell in safety.

Prayers of the People
The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Response

adapted from Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands.
God is Love! I know, and feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament,
now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more. Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

Crucifixus a 8

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis, [He was] crucified also for us
sub Pontio Pilato: under Pontius Pilate,
passus et sepultus est suffered, and was buried. from the Ordinary of the Mass

united with the

Hymn 543

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us

Bishop Powell
Benediction

Response

God be in my head

Response

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at mine end and at my departing. 

Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer

Postlude

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The conductor and organist is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

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