

March 26, 2023 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Welcome

Watchword for the Week: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. Psalm 130:5

(Standing)

Call to Worship

L: If Christ is in you, your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

C: If the spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,

L: He will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.

C: If by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,

ALL: Because those who are led by the spirit of God are sons of God.

From Romans 8: 10-11, 13-14 (NIV)

Gathering Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

The Celebration Hymnal Page 390 vs. 1,2, 4

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine own— soul, heart, and strength, and mind! I see Thy cross -- there teach my heart to cling; O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame; The baptism of the heav'n-descend-ed Dove— My heart and altar, and Thy love the flame.

(Please remain Standing if able)

Liturgy: Lent 2

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We give thanks to you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In our union with Christ you have blessed us by giving us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly world.

Even before the world was made, you had already chosen us to be yours through Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before you.

We praise you for your glorious grace, for the free gift you gave us in your dear Son!

DARWALL

**We wor-ship you, Lord Christ, our Sav-ior and our King.
To you our life and strength a-dor-ing-ly we bring; to fill our hearts,
that all may view your life in us, and turn to you!**

**You are the Way to God, your blood our ran-som paid;
in you we face our judge and mak-er un-a-fraid.**

Before the throne ab-solved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.

(Sitting)

Lord Jesus, we come before you in humble confession. Help us conform our lives to you as the model for holy and righteous living.

Forgive us for our desire for personal greatness, for our attempts to make gods of ourselves, for our willingness to exalt ourselves at the expense of others, and for our resistance to serving one another as you have served us.

Forgive us for making light of your obedience and sacrifice on the cross by living an undisciplined and indifferent

Christian witness; forgive us for yielding to fear rather than relying on your strength to take the risk of discipleship.

Forgive us, dear Jesus, for times we have not looked to you as our Lord, and for allowing the clamoring distractions of the world to become higher priorities than you. Forgive us for yielding more to the pressures of this world than being transformed by your lordship over our lives.

CLEAN HEART

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of salvation; anoint me with your Spirit free.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

When we were dead in our sins, God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, which was against us and which stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Since we have been raised with Christ, let us set our hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

(Sitting)

HE IS LORD

**He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Throughout this Lenten journey, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

We thank you, Lord Jesus, not only for the privilege of believing in you, but of suffering for you as well, so that we may also be glorified with you.

(Standing)

GIFT OF LOVE

**When I sur-vey the won-drous cross on which the Prince of glo-ry died,
my rich-est gain I count but loss, and poor con-tempt on all my pride.
See from his head, his hands, his feet, sor-row and love flow min-gled down.
Did e'er such love and sor-row meet, or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of na-ture mine, that were an of-'ring far too small.
Love so a-maz-ing, so di-vine, de-mands my soul, my life, my all.**

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, since as members of one body we were called to peace. And let us be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. Whatever we do, therefore, whether in word or deed, let us do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Sitting)

God's Word For Today

1st Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 (*Responsive Reading*)

Pew Bible Page 906

1 The hand of the LORD was upon 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. **2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.** 3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know." **4 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!'** 5 This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. **6 I 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."** 7 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. **8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.** 9 Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"

10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. **11** Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ **12** Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: **O 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.** **13** Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. **14** 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.’”

Hymn: “Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

MBW Page 494 v 1, 2, and 4

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the things you love and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with you, I will one will to do or to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

2nd Scripture Reading: Romans 8:6-11

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(Standing)

Hymn Response to Scripture: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

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There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,___ and I know that it's the Spirit of_ the Lord;___ there are sweet expressions on each face,___ and I know they feel the presence of_ the Lord. ___

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place. ___

(Sing the whole song twice)

(Sitting)

Ascription of Praise: (All Sing) Glory Be to You O Lord

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The Gospel: John 11:35-44

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Ascription of Praise:(All Sing) Praise, praise, praise, praise be to you. To you, O Christ!

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Message:

Pastor Jesus' Laguerra

(Standing)

Hymn Response To Message: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease - 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

His grace subdues the pow'r of sin; he sets the pris-'ner free, his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

(Sitting)

Prayers of The People

Offering our Gifts to God

Offertory

(Standing)

Prayer of Blessing: (All) We wait for you Lord, our soul waits, and in your Word we hope. God allow us to see the Valleys of dry bones that fill our world. Help us to invest ourselves in sharing the good news with the world. Guide us God in ways we can invest our time and treasures, that all who have lost hope will feel your Spirit upon them. May your Spirit lift them to new life in you. Take these gifts we offer to you and use them to blow your Spirit through our church, community, and world as life giving energy. In Jesus' name. Amen

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Doxology "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow "

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

(Please remain Standing if Able)

A Commission and Blessing: (Responsive Reading)

L: We are freed from all that has bound us. The Spirit sends us out in trust and joy.

C: The Spirit dwells in us and empowers us. The light of Christ will show us the way.

L: As you walk in the light, you will not stumble. With trust in God, you will live, even in death.

C: God is attentive to our prayers. We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace.

L: Go out to proclaim God's freeing love. Spread a word of hope to all who are in distress.

C: With God, there is great power to redeem. We eagerly share God's steadfast love.

ALL: Amen. Amen.

Parting Hymn: "We Cry from Valleys"

Sung to Tune 511 in MBW

We cry from shadowed valleys, dried up, in deep despair. O God, we have forgotten your steadfast love and care. Our minds, so set on riches, this mortal life can win, are hostile to your law, and forget our origin.

O God, we wait upon you, attentive to your voice. Come lift us from our graves and restore to us the choice of following the Savior in paths of righteousness. We feel your hand upon us, intent to save and bless.

Released from death's dominion, unbound, revived, set free, we rise, by God's forgiveness, from our iniquity. Your winds, O God, blow through us, removing stains of sin, and we discover life when your Spirit dwells within.

Benediction

Musical Response: (All) In the name of Jesus', Amen.

Postlude

Prayers : Adam, Katie, Barbara B, Desmond B., Bilbao Family, Joseph B, George Bryant and Family, Clark Family, John C, Scott and Marsha C, Meredith C, C.J, Cascio Family, Rocky C, Pete C, Christopher, Julianna D, Joey C, John D, Joseph D, Sal D. Jessica D, Frank D, Harry E, Barbara F, Jennifer F, Jonathan F, Lisa F, Anna Galicia, Matilde G,

Thomas G, Janice H, Jason, Jen, Joe, Bill & Sue G, Henry, Jackie, Robert K, Erica K, Kathy, Kelly, Linda, Lydia, Giuliana L, Elaine M, Juliana M, Mary M, Madeline M, Susan M, Victoria M, Silvia N, Stephen N, Nicole, Peter, Mary P, Barbara P, Betty P, Gemma P, Powell Family, Thomas P, Tom P, John P, Mike R, Rob, Rosanna, Rhonda R, Norma S, The Thomas Family, Joy, Tommy, Ware Family, and all caretakers (Please contact the church office to add or remove names from the prayer list.)

Next Sunday, April 2, 2023, is Palm Sunday along with communion. We invite ALL of you to come out and join us.

Holy Week Worship Service Schedule at Great Kills Moravian Church

April 6 – Maundy Thursday, 6pm with Holy Communion

April 7 – Good Friday, 6pm

April 9 – Easter, 11am

We again invite ALL of you to join us at 11:00 am.



Outreach Mission Project

-From the Central Board of Elders meeting, we found out that there is a need for slippers for the Asylum Seekers on Staten Island. The Elders felt that this is an important outreach mission. You can donate money, or you can purchase the slippers yourself. You can leave them in the basket if you purchase them located in the hallway. They are looking for men size 10-11, women 7-8, and for children varies sizes. In the Narthex will be an envelope marked Slipper Donation. Thank you for considering donating to this need.

Upcoming Pysanky Egg Workshops at Great Kills Moravian Church

Monday, April 10th at 9:30 am

To register contact Janice Hermansen at 718-984-6444, Nancy Walker 718-967-4047 or the church office 718-317-7788. Cost of each class is \$25 For additional information on upcoming events and workshops, please visit: www.greatkillsmoravian.org

Pam’s Easter Egg Hunt!

Friday, April 7th

For additional information and registration, contact Pam via email, eccep3@gmail.com



**Easter
Flowers 2023**



We welcome your donations to provide beautiful flowers to decorate our Sanctuary for Easter.

Name: _____

Number of Flowers: _____ x \$13 each = \$ _____ Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Presented By: _____ Dedicated To: _____

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