

March 22, 2026 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church
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Welcome: Co - Leader Brother Todd Hallett

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: Based on Psalm 130

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice.

A: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

L: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

A: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

L: For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption.

All: Let us worship the God who hears our cries and sustains our hope.

Gathering Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" Brown Bk Pg 147 vs. 1,2, 4

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth,
through 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 MBW Page 78

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!**

Hymn:

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.

Hymn:

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)

Hymn:

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)

Hymn:

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-f'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)

Offering our Gifts to God

Offertory Hymn: "I Surrender All" Worship & Rejoice Bk Pg 474 vs. 1, 4 (Congregation can join in and sing if you would like.)

All to Jesus I surrender, all to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live. I surrender all, I surrender all, I surrender all, I surrender all all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee; fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. I surrender all, I surrender all, I surrender all, I surrender all all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

(Please stand if you are able.)

Doxology: "For the Fruit of All Creation" MBW Page 449 vs 1

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.

Prayer of Blessing: (All) We wait for you Lord, our soul waits, and in your Word we hope. God allows 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

(Sitting)

God's Word For Today

**1st Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Pew Bible Page 906
(Responsive Reading)**

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.

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.

He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!’

This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.

I will attach tendons to you and make 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.”

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.

I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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.’”

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

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.’

Therefore prophecy 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.

Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

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, 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 Pew Bible Page 1184

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

The Gospel Reading: John 11:32-44 Pew Bible Page 1125

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept. Then 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?”

Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a

stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Message: Who Removed the Stone for You? Pastor Jesus Laguerra

**Hymn Response To Message: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
Worship & Rejoice Book page 414 vs. 1, 2 & 4**

**I know that my Redeemer lives; What joy this blest assurance
gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my
everliving Head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted throned above; He lives to rule his church in
love.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend; He lives my loves me to
the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my
Prophet, Priest, and King!**

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

(Please Stand if Able)

Sending 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.

(Please remain seated in quiet meditation during the postlude.)

Postlude

March 30, March 31 and April 1, 2026 - Holy Week Readings at New Dorp Moravian Church at 7pm



Holy Week Worship Service Schedule at Great Kills Moravian Church

April 2 – Maundy Thursday, 7pm with Holy Communion

April 3 – Good Friday, 7pm with Holy Communion

April 5 – Easter, 11am

We again invite ALL of you to join us. We look forward to welcoming you all here.

[Pysanky Eggs Workshops at GKMC Schedule](#)

Each class will be \$25.00

Saturday, March 21, 2026 9:30 to 2:00 Advanced*

Monday, April 6, 2026 9:30 to 2:00 Advanced*

***Advanced sessions are for those who have experience creating Pysanky eggs and do not require additional instruction.**

Please contact Nancy (917) 282-7551 or Janice (718) 984-6444 to reserve your seat.

For all women: **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

On Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 9:30 to 3:00 The Eastern Moravian Women's Group will be meeting at **New Dorp Moravian Church**. Please save the date on your calendars. The flyer is delayed but will be coming out shortly.

Pastor and Co -Leaders for March up to Easter, 2026

Sunday, March 29, 2026 (Palm Sunday) - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Elizabeth Reres

Thursday, April 3, 2026 (Maundy Thursday) - Pastor Blondel Jones - Grant/Sister Muriel Timari

Friday, April 4, 2026 (Good Friday) Elders

Sunday, April 5, 2026 (Easter) Pastor Blondel Jones - Grant/Sister Muriel Timari