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March 22, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I, *In-person*

The Rev. Michelle Werner, *Rector*

Mr. John Potter, *Music Minister*

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Collect of the Day, Lent 5

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalter | Psalm 130

Waiting for Divine Redemption

Psalm is said responsively by whole verse, organ side - odd, choir side - even

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

Epistle | Romans 8: 6-11

Life in the Spirit

A reading from Paul's letter to all God's beloved in Rome, 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel | John 11:1-12:1

The Raising of Lazarus

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. **Glory to you, Lord 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 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. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what he had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, "What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all! You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed." He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to put him to death. Jesus therefore no longer walked about openly among the Jews, but went from there to a town called Ephraim in the region near the wilderness; and he remained there with the disciples. Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. They were looking for Jesus and were asking one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? Surely he will not come to the festival, will he?" Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who knew where Jesus was should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Solemn Prayer over the People (*replaces the Blessing in Lent*)

Bow down before the Lord.

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Bless the Lord my Soul

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Postlude

Aria in F Major from 12th Concerto Grosso

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Announcements – March 22, 2026

★ **Holy Week Schedule**

March 29, Palm Sunday: 8:30am & 10:15 am Services with Passion reading and Chosen 4 Finale

April 2, Maundy Thursday: 6:00 pm Supper, Communion and Foot-washing in the Parish Hall followed by service in Sanctuary preparing the Church and ourselves for Good Friday.

April 3, Good Friday: 12:00 pm Community Ecumenical Service, Milford Presbyterian

7:00 pm Traditional Episcopal Service

April 5, Easter Sunday: 8:30 am and 10:15 am Festive Easter Eucharist

- ★ **Feed the Fish for Corner Shower and Laundry** located in the basement of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Corktown in Detroit, offers free showers and laundry services to community members in need. Currently providing upwards of 500 showers and 300 loads of clean laundry per month, they are giving people a fresh start.
- ★ **Healing Prayer will be offered at both services on March 29, April 5 & 19.** Healing prayer is always available upon request.
- ★ **Easter Flowers** Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to donate Easter Flowers to beautify our sanctuary on Easter. Suggested Donation \$20.
- ★ **'Chosen' Season 4 continues.** Join us after the 10:15 service for lunch, a watch party and discussion. Please sign-up if you want to attend future sessions so we know how much food to get.
- ★ **March LOK outing Saturday March 21** to the Henry Ford Museum to see the new DaVinci Exhibition. If you want to carpool from church, meet at 9:00/9:15am or meet us at the museum at 10:00am. Tickets are all ordered and ready to go. Lunch afterwards at the Museum.
- ★ **April LOK Outing to the DIA on Tuesday, April 14 at 1:00.** We will be having an hour-long guided tour at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Please RSVP to Joyce Spletzer. There is no cost for admission. Lunch to follow.
- ★ **This week is sponsored by Karl & Lori Boeckler in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.**