



Sunday, March 29 Worship Service

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Opening Hymn: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery ELW 334

1 Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

2 We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

3 Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

L5 God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death
Hold us close through each tomorrow,
Love as near as ev'ry breath



Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We acted when we knew better. We were still when we know we should have moved. For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

People of God, look to the Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!

Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray...

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



READINGS:

First Reading **Ezekiel 37:1-14**

1 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.² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know."⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.⁶ 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."⁷ 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.⁸ 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.⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, 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."¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.¹¹ 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."¹² Therefore prophecy, 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.¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.¹⁴ 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."

Psalm **Psalm 130**

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.² Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?⁴ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.



Second Reading

Romans 8:6-11

6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.⁷For 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,⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.⁹But 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.¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.¹¹If 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.

Gospel

John 11:1-45

1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."⁴But 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."⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"⁹Jesus 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.¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."²⁴Martha said to



him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."²⁸ 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."²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ 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.³² 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."³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ 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."⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² 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."⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"⁴⁴ 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."⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Sermon



Apostle's Creed (Sung)

I believe in God the Father, the Almighty God above
Maker of the earth and Heaven, which were formed in God's great love
And in Jesus, loving Jesus, God's own Son, who makes us new
This the creed of generations, is the faith for our church too.

Jesus by God's Holy Spirit, was so wondrously conceived.
Born unto the Virgin Mary, who your promises believed
Jesus suff'ring under Pilate, on a cross was crucified
Soldiers mocked Him, friends denied Him, He hung there until he died.

So it was our Lord was buried, in a borrowed tomb He lay
To the dead He then descended, where was joy on earth that day?
There is more to God's great story: in three days He rose again
He ascended into Heaven, and he sits at God's right hand.

I believe what God has promised: Christ will come as He has said
He will judge the nation's peoples, both the living and the dead
I believe God's Holy Spirit, makes the church one family
We're surrounded by God's people, saints who in our Lord believe.

I believe that God forgives us, for the times we turn away
And that God will raise our bodies, on that resurrection day
We rejoice we'll live forever, singing praise to God's great name
This the Creed of generations, is the faith that we proclaim.



Prayers

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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

Benediction:

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you, unbind you, and send us in love and in peace.

Amen.



Closing Song: Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son
I believe in the risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Amen, Amen
I'm alive, I'm alive
Because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Amen, Amen
I'm alive, I'm alive
Because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives
I can face tomorrow
Because He lives
Every fear is gone
I know He holds my life my future in His hands

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