

On Line**Opening Hymn – God, We Praise You For The Morning**

This is the day the Lord has made. **So, let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Now stretch out your hand to the screen and lets virtually take hands and say:

‘Jesus Loves you and so do I’

Our service today as we travel on our journey through lent, today looks at those dry bones and Lazarus with what it means for us, as we now worship in Song, Scripture and prayer.

Please say the words together as they appear on screen in Yellow during this service:

Let us Pray - Most holy and gracious God - send your Spirit upon us in power this morning and show us once again those things that you have prepared for those who love you. Touch us that we might know that you are present with us. Speak you life giving word to us that we might be strengthened. Give us eyes of faith to see - and hearts that trust enough to praise you - both now – and in all the time. We ask it in Jesus' name. **Amen**

2nd Hymn - I Danced In The Morning (Lord of the Dance)

We are a wandering people, O God, who seek refuge and protection in the vanity of our world. Accept now our confession of sin and our desire to be closer to you.

Father God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy.

Yet we long to break free, choosing independence, convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting your love and grace.

Forgive us, draw close to us, embrace us once again in your loving arms, and enable us to follow you in worship and grateful service each day of our lives. Amen.

The Lord who created you says: You are my witnesses, and you are my servant. So do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. **Amen.**

Let us pray

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1st Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NIV)**2nd Reading – John 11:1-29 (NIV)****3rd Hymn – O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go****3rd Reading – John 11:30-45 (NIV)**

SERMON: The Raising of Lazarus**4th Hymn** – Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers**Let us pray**

Lord, one of the reasons I am observing Lent this year is to have my hope restored. With everything going on in the world, I need an infilling of Your precious promises to carry me through. Please, God, let this be a time of strengthening so that I will not falter in the coming days. Fill my heart with good and pleasant things, reminding me there is always hope. Help me see things as You see them - on Your eternal timeline. Most of all, remind me that You are the God of all hope, and all things are possible with You. Indeed, my hope is in You, today, tomorrow, and always. In Jesus' name. Amen

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers - Intercessions and Lord's Prayer**5th Hymn** – Breathe on Me, Breath of God**Presentation of offerings**

O God, accept and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the gracious gift of your life-giving Spirit to us. May these gifts and our lives be used to flesh out your love and justice, mercy and peace as they are revealed in and through Jesus, your Son and our Saviour. **Amen**

Notices (if any)

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

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All Christ is our light that illumines and guides us. Christ as our shield that overshadows us. Christ is under us; Christ is over us; Christ is beside us and on our left and on our right. This day be within and without us, lowly and meek and yet all powerful. Be in the heart of each in whom we speak; in the mouth of each who speaks unto us.

This day be within and without us, lowly and meek, yet all powerful. Christ as our light; Christ as our shield; Christ beside us on our left and on our right.

Go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name, and may the Lord our God the Father, the Son, and The Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you both now and forevermore. **Amen**

Departing Hymn— Now the Green Blade Rise