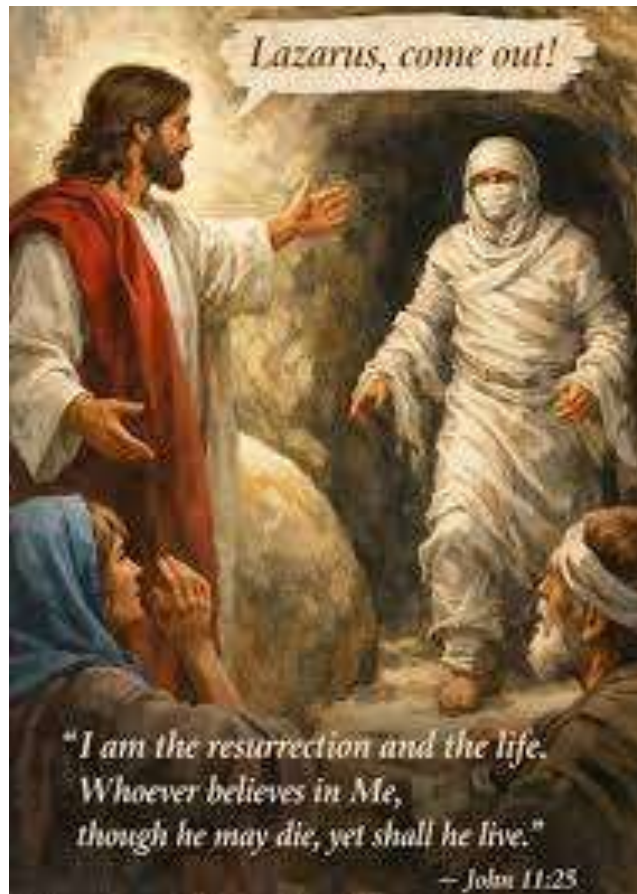


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**5th Sunday of Lent**



*"We are an emergent church practicing  
an ancient faith in new ways;  
a church of inclusivity where  
ALL ARE WELCOME!  
- Bishop Peter Hickman*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

(please stand)

Gathering Song: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the Bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

### Refrain

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever.

3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.

4. I am the Resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me, even though you die,  
you shall live forever.

*Priest says: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**ALL: AMEN.**

*Priest: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

*Priest: We rely on the redeeming mercy of God.  
And so we call out to Christ, our compassionate Saviour.*

**SUNG RESPONSE:**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY. CHRIST HAVE MERCY. LORD HAVE MERCY**

*at end of each verse and last time ALL SING:*

**HEAR US, HEAR US.**

*Priest: Let us pray...with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

**ALL : A -MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN, A-MEN.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*A Reading from the Book of Prophet Ezekiel (37: 12-14)*

*Lector: The Word of the Lord*

***All: Thanks be to God***

**Psalm Response:**

**“WITH OUR GOD THERE IS MERCY.  
WITH OUR GOD IS STEADFAST LOVE.”**

*A Reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (8:8-11)*

*Lector: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church*

***All: Thanks be to God***

*Gospel Acclamation*

*(Please stand)*

**Praise To You, Lord, Jesus Christ  
PRAISE TO YOU, LORD, JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF ENDLESS GLORY! (repeat)**

**Verse is sung; after verse: repeat above.**

*The Gospel Reading*

*Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to John (11:1-45)*

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

*The gospel is read. When the reading is over:*

*Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All Sing: PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST;  
KING OF ENDLESS GLORY! (repeat)**

***Homily***

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL.**

**Our response is:**

**“Lord, hear our prayer.”**

**Sign Of Peace**

**Presider:** Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles....  
...where you live forever and ever. **ALL: AMEN.**

**Presider:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**Presider:** Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts- Preparation of the Altar

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**All: Blessed be God for ever!**

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our cup of salvation. **All: Blessed be God for ever!**

Presider: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's Church.**

Song at Offertory: **RISE UP WITH HIM**

1. People, wait no more.

God has shown you the glory of the Lord!

By the cross we claim our freedom.

Christ has risen to everlasting life!

Refrain

And we'll rise up,

rise up with him, and we'll rise,

rise to new life! And we'll rise up,

rise up with him, for with Jesus

who leads us by grace we will rise up with him.

2. Ev'ry knee shall bend.

Ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,

Lord and Savior of all nations,

our salvation to everlasting life!

Refrain

3. Jesus, who we love,

we proclaim your word

for ages all to come.

Alleluia, sing a new song.

Glory to our God of everlasting life!

Refrain

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

### **Introductory Dialogue      Preface**

**Presider: The Lord be with you. ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**Presider: Lift up your hearts.**

**ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

**Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God**

**ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**

### **The Holy**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna, in the highest.**

**Blest is he, blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna! Hosanna, in the highest.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues... Words of Consecration:*

*When host is lifted*

**All:**

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT IT.**

**THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU."**

*When cup is lifted*

**All:**

**"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT.**

**THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING  
COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL**

**SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN.**

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME."**

### **The Memorial Acclamation**

*Cantor: As grain is transformed into the bread we eat,*

**ALL: AS GRAIN IS TRANSFORMED INTO THE BREAD WE EAT,**

*Cantor: And grapes are transformed into the wine we drink,*

**ALL: AND GRAPES ARE TRANSFORMED INTO THE WINE WE DRINK,**

*Cantor: We share in your death; ALL: WE SHARE IN YOUR DEATH*

*Cantor: We share in your life; ALL: WE SHARE IN YOUR LIFE;*

*Cantor: Until we are transformed into your glory.*

**ALL: UNTIL WE ARE TRANSFORMED INTO YOUR GLORY.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:*

### **Doxology & Great Amen**

**Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.**

**Amen! Amen! Amen!**

# Communion Rite

## The Lord's Prayer

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

*Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

*Happy are they to be called to this supper.*

**ALL: LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY TO RECEIVE YOU,  
BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND I SHALL BE HEALED.**

*Celebrant: May the body and blood.....ALL: AMEN*

## Communion

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**

Communion Song: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE (by John Michael Talbot)

### Refrain

I am the Bread of Life

All who eat this Bread will never die

I am God's love revealed

I am broken that you might be healed

All who eat of this heavenly Bread

All who drink this cup of the covenant

You will live forever for I will raise you up

### Refrain

No one who comes to Me shall ever hunger again

No one who believes shall ever thirst

All that the Father draws shall come to Me

And I will give them rest

### Refrain

## CONCLUDING RITE

*Communion Meditation (Music Ministry)*

**Dismissal**

Closing Song: **I WILL RAISE YOU UP**

1. I AM THE LIVING BREAD;  
COME UNTO ME  
AND YOU SHALL NOT HUNGER.  
I AM THE CUP OF LIFE;  
TRUST IN ME  
AND YOU SHALL NOT THIRST.

REFRAIN:  
I WILL RAISE YOU UP,  
RAISE YOU UP.  
I AM NEW LIFE FOR THE WORLD.  
I WILL RAISE YOU UP,  
RAISE YOU UP TO A LIFE  
THAT WILL NEVER END.

2. WHEN I RETURN FOR YOU  
ON THE LAST DAY,  
YOU WILL BE WITH ME.  
I WILL RAISE YOU UP  
RAISE YOU UP,  
ALIVE IN THE LORD.

Have a blessed week!