



**Jesus Wept.
Today,
our tears are
CHRIST's tears.**

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Jesus Wept.

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Welcome

Prelude: Mendelson's Song Without Words, Op. 19, No. 4

Invocation

Prayer of the Day

Music: ***O God We Call***

O God we Call, O God we call, from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we year, from deep inside we year for you.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 - reader: Petra Vollmerhausen

The hand of YAHWEH was upon me, and it carried me away by the Spirit of YAHWEH and set me down in a valley—a valley full of bones. God made me walk up and down among them. And I saw that there was a vast number of bones lying there in the valley, and they were very dry. God asked me, "Mere mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "Only you know that, Sovereign YAHWEH." And God said, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: 'Dry bones, hear the word of YAHWEH! Sovereign YAHWEH says to these bones: I AM going to breathe life into you. I will fasten sinews on you, clothe you with flesh, cover you with skin, and give you breath. And you will live; and you will know that I AM Sovereign YAHWEH.'" So I prophesied as I was commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and all the bones came together, bone to matching bone. As I watched, sinews appeared on them, flesh clothed them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then God said to me, "Prophesy to the wind; prophesy, mere mortal, and say to it: 'Thus says Sovereign YAHWEH: Approach from the four winds, Breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'" I prophesied as I was commanded, and breath came into them; they came alive, and stood up on their feet—a vast multitude. Then God said to me, "Mere mortal, these bones are the whole House of Israel. The people keep saying, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is gone, and we are doomed.' Prophesy, therefore, and say to them, 'Thus says Sovereign YAHWEH: I AM going to open your graves and raise you up from the dead, my people. I will return you to the land of Israel. When I open your graves and raise you up, you, my people, will know that I AM YAHWEH. Then I will put my Spirit into you and you will return to life, and I will settle you back on your own land. Then you will know that I, YAHWEH, have spoken and made all this happen, says Sovereign YAHWEH.'"

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Second Reading: John 11:1-16 – reader: Wayne Dawe

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus, of Bethany the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed Jesus 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 Judeans 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 during the night 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, Jesus 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 that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to the other disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Music: ***YAHWEH I Adore You***

YAHWEH, I adore you, live my life within you; how I love you.

JESUS, I adore you, lay my life before you; how I love you.

SPIRIT, I adore you, live my life within you; how I love you.

Gospel: John: 11:17-45

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 Judeans 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."

Jesus said to Martha, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha said to Jesus, "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?"

Martha said to Jesus, "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 Mary heard it, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. 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. Jesus said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how Jesus 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 Jesus, "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 Jesus 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 told the crowd, "Unbind him and let him go free."

Reflection: Jesus Wept: Today, our tears are CHRIST's Tears

Music: ***Thy Holy Wings*** Text: Lina Sandell

Thy holy wings, O Saviour, spread gently over me;
And let me rest securely, through good and ill in thee.
O be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
And let my every moment, be lived within thy grace.

O let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast;
Where I will find sweet comfort, and peace within thy nest.
O close thy wings around me, and keep me safely there,
For I am but a new-born, and need thy tender care.

O wash me in the waters, of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
O take into thy keeping, thy children great and small,
And while we sweetly slumber, enfold us, one and all.

Prayers of the People: Petra Vollmerhausen, Wayne Dawe, Sharon Smyth

Interpretation of the Prayer Jesus taught...

**LOVER of us all, most holy one,
help us to respond to you
to create what you want for us here on earth.
Give us today enough for our needs;
forgive our weak and deliberate offences,
just as we forgive others
when they hurt us.
Help us to resist evil
and to do what is good;
for we are yours,
endowed with your power
to make the world whole.**

All praise and honor is yours forever. Amen. (adapted from Greenham Common)

Blessing

Postlude: ***Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus***

We may not be able to gather physically, but we can find ways to connect and care for one another.

HOLY CROSS CARE TEAM: we are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP. You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.

PRAYER CONCERNS: For privacy reasons, we are not including names in our live streams. This week we hope to set up a ZOOM Prayer so that together we can create a space for our prayers. Invitations will be sent via email.

OFFERINGS: there are several ways to ensure that we are able to meet our commitments.

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