

March 29, 2020

## A reading from Ezekiel

## All Services

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>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."

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>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.' <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>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."

**The word of the Lord.**

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**READING: Psalm 130**

**Early Service Only**

**“We will read the Psalm responsively.”**

**L: <sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.**

C: <sup>2</sup>LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**L: <sup>3</sup>If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, LORD, who could stand?**

C: <sup>4</sup>But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

**L: <sup>5</sup>I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;**

C: <sup>6</sup>my soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

**L: <sup>7</sup>O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.**

C: <sup>8</sup>It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.