

Island Presbyterian Church
Corpus Christi, Texas
"Where faith and friendships grow"
March 26, 2023
10:00 a.m.

5th Sunday of Lent



We Gather in God's Name

Zoom video conference will be open Sunday at 9:45 AM: [CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM MTG LINK](#)

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Welcome Liturgist

Prelude Ross Bernhardt

Moment for Mission [One Great Hour](#)

Call to Worship, based on Ps. 130 Liturgist

Healing God, we come together in our brokenness,
to call to you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

Wholeness-giving God, listen to our prayers, we pray.

Restoring God, we gather to worship you, even as
we hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

God, our Quiet-Centre, listen to our prayers this day.

Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you!
In the depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

God – our Beginning and our End, we hope always in you. Amen.

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Prayer of the Day Pastor Anne Kowalczyk

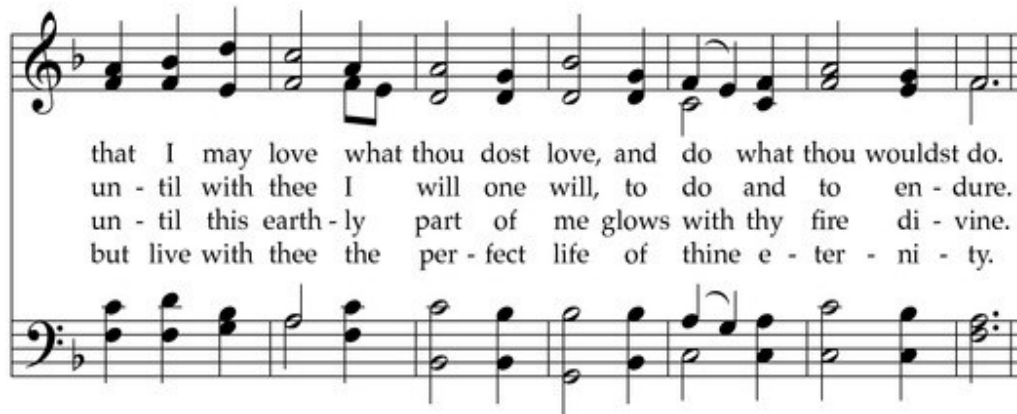
***Hymn** *Breathe on e Breath of God* GG# 286
See following page.

Call to Confession Liturgist

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

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Unison Confession

Liturgist

**Most merciful God,
whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin,
we confess before you that we have sinned;
we have hungered after that which does not satisfy;
we have compromised with evil;
we have doubted your power to protect us.
Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness.
Restore in us such love and trust that we may walk in your ways
and delight in doing your will.**

Assurance of Forgiveness, by Christine Longhurst

Pastor Anne Kowalczyk

***Gloria Patri**

David Hiser

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Pastor Anne Kowalczyk

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Time for the Children

Anthem

IPC Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Listen, God Is Calling

**Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. Listen.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Liturgist

The Valley of Dry Bones

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.
He led me back and forth among them,
and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.
He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"
I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."
Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them,
'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones:
I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.
I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin;
I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"
So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying,
there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.
I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them,
but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath;
prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says:
Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"
So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them;
they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.
Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel.
They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'
Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says:
My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them;
I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people,
will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.
I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land.

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:6-11

Liturgist

The mind governed by the flesh is death,
but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.
The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law,
nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.
And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.
But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin,
the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.
And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you,
he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies
because of his Spirit who lives in you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Anne Kowalczyk

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

Liturgist

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Liturgist

Prayers for the People, *inspired by Ezek. 37:1-14*

Pastor Anne Kowalczyk

The Lord's Prayer

Mt. 6:9-13

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer for the PNC

**Finally, we lift up the work of our Pastor Nominating Committee.
Lord, give them discernment to know not just what we want as individuals,
but what we as a congregation deeply need in a new minister.
Lead them to a righteous call.**

And lead that minister who will fulfill your will and our needs
to feel your call to us to be our shepherd and teacher
with wisdom and compassion, that we might all serve you together,
one community in your Spirit.

Invitation to Give		Liturgist
Offertory		Ross Barnhardt
*Doxology		David Hiser
	<p>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.</p>	
Unison Prayer of Dedication		Liturgist
	<p>God of the Cross, in losing our lives we find them in you. In sharing our money and time, we receive the blessings of your Kingdom. Use these gifts toward your holy work of peace, justice, and service in the world. Amen.</p>	
*Hymn	<p><i>In the Bulb There is a Flower</i> See following page.</p>	GG# 250
Time for Announcements		Liturgist
Charge & Benediction		Pastor Anne Kowalczyk
Postlude		Ross Bernhardt

Announcements

Basic Computer Skills Class (*Tues & Thurs*): in Noah's Ark room @ 11am.

Lenten Bible Study: *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, Wednesdays @ 1pm.

Blood Drive at IPC: Sunday, April 2nd 8:30am - 12pm
[Click HERE](#) to make an appointment.

Save the Date: IPC's *Spring Fling*, Saturday, May 6th, 11am - 2pm.

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday, 8am -1pm, office email: office@islandpresby.com

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
 Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

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