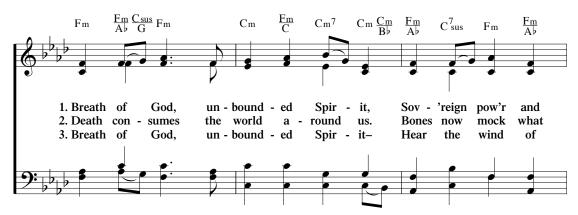
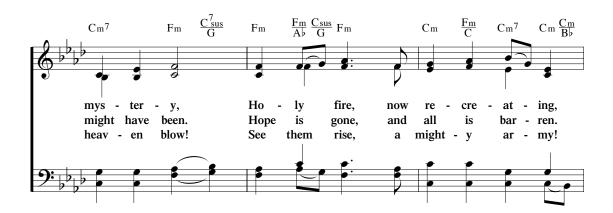
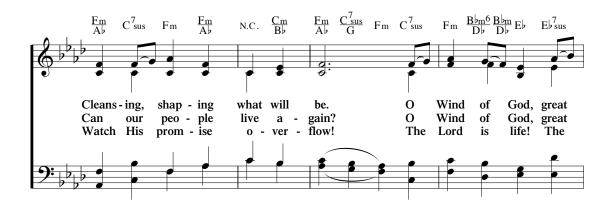
Ezekiel's Vision

Ezekiel 36:16 - 37:14

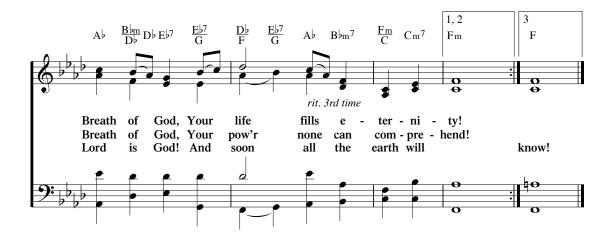








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TOPICS: Holy Spirit; Lent-Easter; Resurrection

LEAD-IN: In both the Old Testament and the New Testament, the same word translated as "spirit" also means "wind" and "breath". "Wind," "breath," and "spirit" are all the same word in the original languages. Keep that in mind as you hear Ezekiel's account of his vision of the dry bones:

[NOTE: words in caps are all from the same Hebrew word, "ruah"]

The hand of the Lord was upon 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, "O Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophesy 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, "Prophesy to the BREATH; prophesy, son of man, and say to IT, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come from the four WINDS, O BREATH, 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.

(Ezekiel 37:1-10, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Wind, Breath, and Spirit

In the Bible's original languages, "wind," "breath," and "spirit" are all the same word.

God's Spirit is the wind of His power and the breath of His love.

God's Spirit is His life in motion.

The Spirit that brooded over the waters at creation (Genesis 1:2), the Breath that brought to life the valley of dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1-10), and the rushing, mighty Wind on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) are the same mysterious, creative, all-powerful Spirit of God.

Jesus came to immerse us in this Spirit. This Spirit works around us, through us, in us, and among us as we trust in Christ.

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