

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT: PASSIONTIDE - SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2020
SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND HOLY MASS DUE TO COVID 19

OPENING LENTEN HYMN: O My Jesus

O, my Jesus, knelt in anguish on that night of pain and grief.
Lo an angel soothes Thy sorrow Brings unto Thy soul relief.
: Come, my Jesus, come, my Jesus, come, my Jesus,
hear my prayer. Grant me Lord, Thy grief to share:

O, my Jesus, filled with suffering crucified on the shameful tree.
When Thou comest to Thy Kingdom, There, O Lord, Remember me.
: Come, my Jesus, come, my Jesus, come, my Jesus,
hear my prayer. Grant me Lord, Thy grief to share:

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for bringing me safely to the beginning of a new day. Keep me safe throughout the day from temptation, sin and evil. O Lord, by Your help and guidance may my thoughts, words and all that I do be in accordance with Your holy will. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

R. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your Son has made the grave holy and a place of hope for Your people.

May we who die in Him also rise in Him.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord God: O my people,
I will open your graves and have you rise from them,
and bring you back to the land of Israel.
Then you shall know that I am the Lord,
when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!
I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord.
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the Lord is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit,
if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.
But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin,
the spirit is alive because of righteousness.
If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you.

This is the Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL: John 11:25-26

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ, King of the endless glory
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.
Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ, King of the endless glory

THE GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill."

When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?"

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day?"

If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him."

So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved."

But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep.

So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died.

And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him."

So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.

And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you."

As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him.

For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him.

So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her

saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her,

presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell 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 had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said,

"Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see."

And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him,

“Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.”

Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said,

“Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me;

but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.”

And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice,

“Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out,

tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary

and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You Lord Jesus Christ.*

REFLECTION – *Adapted and revised from One Bread, One Body*

Today we hear how Jesus raised Lazarus from the death. How strong is your faith that the Holy Spirit will raise your body from the dead on the last day? Do you believe your spirit will be raised at your death to meet the Lord? Do you believe Jesus’ Resurrection can transform your life right now? Especially as we see sickness, the spread of virus and death from the Covid 19 outbreak.

Jesus’ Resurrection is a promise of the resurrection of the bodies and spirits of His disciples. Jesus’ Resurrection and our future resurrection, if we believe and follow Him, should overshadow our present circumstances. Risen life begins when we believe in the Resurrection – the past, present and future. The Resurrection is physical and spiritual. The Resurrection is historical, personal and eschatological (*relating to the last things*).

We are a Resurrection people, or more precisely a resurrections-people. In these next two weeks of this Passiontide of the Lenten Season, prepare to celebrate the Resurrection with a faith and joy that is unexplainable except for those who have met the risen Christ.

(Take a few moments for silent reflection)

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary,

AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OUR FATHER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

COMMUNION VERSE

But Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise; awake and sing, you who lie in the dust.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord of life and death, You have redeemed us with the precious blood of Your Son.

Through the Holy Eucharist keep us firm in the confession of His name so that we may gain eternal life as He promised.

We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER IN TIME OF NATIONAL ANXIETY

Let us pray.

I come to You, Lord, in this time of uncertainty and confusion that has gripped our nation. I pray that our leaders and representatives in government are filled with Your peace, strength and courage. May your gifts of wisdom and understanding, fortitude and counsel be sought and utilized by them for the well-being of our country. By their belief and trust in You may they provide capable leadership, promote unity and peace, and be attentive to the concerns of our people. May Your Church provide support and comfort; and help strengthen our hope for peace through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ANGELUS – ASKING THE INTERCESSION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

- Hail Mary ...
- V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary...
- V. And the Word was made Flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary ...
- V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O Lord, we ask You, pour forth Your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the ✠ Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN FOR REFLECTION: Lord, Forgive!

On the cross, for the sins of man, our Lord was crucified.
On the cross, 'mid great pain and suffering He bled and died.
: Lord, forgive us when we fail Thee,
Lord, forgive when we betray Thee, Lord forgive! :

From the cross, filled with mercy, our dear Lord looked down on us.
From the cross, torn with sorrow, yet he would forgive us.
: Lord, forgive us when we fail Thee,
Lord, forgive when we betray Thee, Lord forgive! :

FURTHER HYMN SELECTION: Chris Tomlin – Resurrection Power

(For those with the ability – go to YouTube: watch and listen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiatOlz8h0A>)

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