

Fifth Sunday of Lent    March 29, 2020

Opening Song: From Ashes to the Living Font



1. From ash - es to the liv - ing font Your
2. Through fast - ing, prayer and char - i - ty Your
3. Our graves split o - pen, bring us back, Your
4. From ash - es to the liv - ing font, Your



Church must jour - ney Lord, Bap - tized in grace, in  
voice speaks deep with - in, Re - turn - ing us to  
prom - ise to pro - claim; To dark - ened tombs call  
Church must jour - ney still, Through cross and tomb to



grace re - newed By your most ho - ly Word.  
ways of truth And turn - ing us from sin.  
out, "A - rise!" And glo - ri - fy your name.  
Eas - ter joy, In Spir - it - fire ful - filled.

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**Presider:** During this time of uncertainty and fear, we hear, in today's Gospel of a time when Jesus experienced the loss and death of his friend Lazarus. As we experience losses because of this pandemic, may we be comforted by our Lord who too has felt such loss and despair.

## Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### **Collect:**

**Presider:** By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The prophet Ezekiel spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon, six centuries before Christ. In today's passage, the prophet (using the image of death and resurrection) assures the people that God will one day bring them back to their homeland.

## Psalm 130

### *With the Lord There is Mercy*

Michael Joncas



With the Lord there is mer - cy and the  
full - ness of re - demp - tion, call to him in your  
tri - als, he will an - swer when - ev - er you call.

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## Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

The followers of Jesus live in the Spirit of God. The same Spirit who brought Jesus back to life will bring mortal bodies to life since God's Spirit dwells in them.

## Gospel

John 11:1-45

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
*[all bow]*  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he arose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayer of the Faithful

**Presider:** We believe that God always hears us, and so we have the confidence to express our needs and the needs of the world and believe that we will be heard.

1. For the Church, that in proclaiming God as the source of life within us we may recognize the sanctity of life within us all... let us pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer.

2. That leaders of the world may grow in wisdom and good judgment as they consider and discuss ways to care for all of us during this pandemic...let us pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer.
3. For strength and courage: that God will inspire all who are searching for treatments for the coronavirus or working to develop a vaccine for it...let us pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer.
4. For all who must face death each day, particularly emergency personnel, doctors, nurses, and hospital chaplains: that God will strengthen their spirits and help them honor the life of each person they assist...let us pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer.
5. For all of us, that we may roll away the stones that block us from becoming closer to God and assist others in unwrapping the burial bands that hold them in bondage... let us pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer.
6. For all living and deceased members of Mother of Perpetual Help parish...let us pray to the Lord, Lord hear our prayer.

**Presider:** God of life, you are the source and the destiny of our lives. Kindle your Spirit within us and hear the prayers we offer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## O God of All Compassion



1. O God of all com - pas - sion Who calls us here to -  
2. As Laz - a - rus was brought back To life by your com -  
3. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Our God whom we a -



day That we, in faith as - sem - bled, May  
mand, So call us, too, Lord Je - sus, Close  
dore, Grant that our Lent - en jour - ney May



learn from you, the way: Grant life to those who  
by you e'er to stand, That, bound no more in  
safe - ly bring us o'er, Re - new - ing faith with -



seek you, Re - new your grace with - in, And  
grave cloths Of sin and death's de - cay, Bap -  
in us, Hope's pow - er mak - ing strong, That



in your ten - der mer - cy Cleanse us from ev' - ry sin.  
ti - sm's flood may bring us To new and end - less day.  
love's en - dur - ing bless - ing Be - comes our Eas - ter song!

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# Closing Rite

## *Martha, Mary*

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1. Mar tha,— Mar y,— wait ing, weep ing, Bowed be neath the—
2. Je sus— spoke to— Mar tha's griev ing, "Res ur rec tion,—
3. Je sus,— res ur rect ed, giv ing Life to— all you—



weight of gloom, Kept their— watch where— Laz 'rus, sleep ing,  
Life, am I! All who— hear my— Word, be liev ing,  
name your own: Help us— know in— hours of griev ing



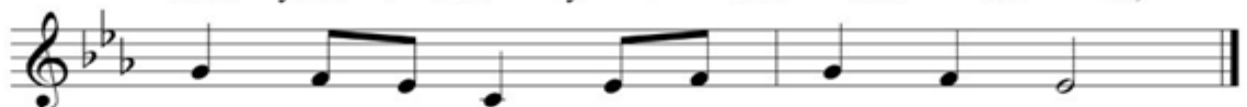
Lay with in a— rock sealed tomb. Je sus,— late in  
Live with— me, al though they die." Then to— Laz 'rus'  
We have— not been— left a lone. Come, when—doubt and



com ing,— met them, Shed with— them com pas sion's— tear.  
tomb he— led them, Called their— broth er forth by— name.  
fear as sail us; Join our— jour ney toward the— grave.



Mar tha,— sore with— sor row, charged him,  
Liv ing,— lov ing,— hope ex ceed ing,  
There your— mer cy— will not fail us;



"He'd have— lived had— you been here!"  
Freed from— death, to— Christ he came.  
There you— speak with— pow'r to save.