

SUNDAY CELEBRATION AT HOME

March 29, 2020 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

Leader: + In the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: AMEN

Leader: I confess...

All Respond: . . . 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, (Strike Breast) 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.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

Response: Lord have mercy

Leader: Christ have mercy.

Response: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

Response: Lord have mercy.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten towards the solemn celebrations to come. 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

First Reading: Ezekial 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All Respond: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

A reading from the Holy Gospel According to John

All Respond: Glory to You, O Lord.

(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.

Leader — The Gospel of the Lord.

All Respond — Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All Recite the Creed: I believe in one God.....

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest —

Our Lord has given us the promise of the Resurrection as the ultimate consolation. Let us pray that we can be faithful to that promise and live as people whose final home is in heaven.

Reader — Our response is: Lord hear our prayer.

For the Universal Church, God's family throughout the world, that it shines brightly as the true hope of resurrection in the midst of a world of doubt...

Let us pray to the Lord . . . Lord hear our prayer

For leaders of nations and all those in civil authority, that in this time of confusion and crisis as a result of disease and pandemic, that they might wisely protect their people from all harm....

Let us pray to the Lord . . . Lord hear our prayer

For the sick and suffering in our community and around the world, especially those who suffer with the coronavirus and isolation, that they might be consoled by the healing of the soul through the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Anointing of the sick...

Let us pray to the Lord . . . Lord hear our prayer

That through the healing touch of Our Lord Jesus Christ, those who have fallen away from the beautiful and consoling practice of their Catholic faith might have their eyes opened again and return to their proper place once again before the sacred altar of the Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord . . . Lord hear our prayer

For those who work in health care and in public service, that they might be blessed in their work at this time and be protected from all harm.

Let us pray to the Lord . . . Lord hear our prayer

For all those who have passed through the door of death to receive their eternal reward, especially those in our own families, that the prayers and spiritual sacrifices of this Lent might bring many souls to the fullness of God's Kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord . . . Lord hear our prayer

Leader —

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, we offer these prayers to you with our whole hearts. Hear us, we pray, as we place our trust in you who are Lord, forever and ever.

All — AMEN.

ALL RECITE THE OUR FATHER TOGETHER

Our Father...