



34 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:12-14

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

- 12 Thus says the Lord God:
"I am going to open your graves,
and bring you up from your graves, O my people;
and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.
- 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord,
when I open your graves,
and bring you up from your graves, O my people.
- 14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live,
and I will place you on your own soil;
then you shall know that I, the Lord,
have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7b-8 (R. 7b)

- R. With the Lord there is steadfast love
and great power to redeem.
- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
2 Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications! R.
- 3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
4 But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered. R.
- 5 I wait for the Lord,
my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
6 my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning. R.
- 7 For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
8 It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities. R.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.8-11

The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters:

8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh;

you are in the Spirit,
since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ
does not belong to him.

10 But if Christ is in you,
though the body is dead because of sin,
the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
he who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also
through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 11.25, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.

GOSPEL (LONGER)

John 11.1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

1 Now a certain man, Lazarus, was ill.

He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume
and wiped his feet with her hair;
her brother Lazarus was ill.

3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus,
“Lord, he whom you love is ill.”

4 But when Jesus heard this, he said,
“This illness does not lead to death;
rather it is for God’s glory,
so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,
6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill,
he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.
7 Then after this he said to the disciples,
"Let us go to Judea again."
8 The disciples said to him,
"Rabbi, the people there were just now trying to stone you,
and are you going there again?"
9 Jesus answered,
"Are there not twelve hours of daylight?
Those who walk during the day do not stumble,
because they see the light of this world.
10 But those who walk at night stumble,
because the light is not in them."
11 After saying this, he told them,
"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep,
but I am going there to awaken him."
12 The disciples said to him,
"Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."
13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death,
but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.
14 Then Jesus told them plainly,
"Lazarus is dead.
15 For your sake I am glad I was not there,
so that you may believe.
But let us go to him."
16 Thomas, who was called the Twin,
said to his fellow disciples,
"Let us also go, that we may die with him."
17 When Jesus arrived,
he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.
18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem,
some two miles away,
19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary
to console them about their brother.
20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him,
while Mary stayed at home.
21 Martha said to Jesus,
"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."
23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha said to him,
"I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."
25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me,
even though they die, will live,
26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?"
27 She said to him,
"Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, the one coming into the world."
28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary,
and told her privately,
"The Teacher is here and is calling for you."
29 And when Mary heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.
30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village,
but was still at the place where Martha had met him.
31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her,
saw Mary get up quickly and go out.
They followed her because they thought
that she was going to the tomb to weep there.
32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him,
she knelt at his feet and said to him,
"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
33 When Jesus saw her weeping,
and the Jews who came with her also weeping,
he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.
34 He said, "Where have you laid him?"
They said to him, "Lord, come and see."
35 Jesus began to weep.
36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"
37 But some of them said,
"Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man
have kept this man from dying?"
38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb.
It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.
39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone."
Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,
"Lord, already there is a stench
because he has been dead four days."
40 Jesus said to her,
"Did I not tell you that if you believed,

you would see the glory of God?"

- 41 So they took away the stone.
And Jesus looked upward and said,
"Father, I thank you for having heard me.
42 I knew that you always hear me,
but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here,
so that they may believe that you sent me."
43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!"
44 The dead man came out,
his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth,
and his face wrapped in a cloth.
Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."
45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary
and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

GOSPEL (SHORTER)

John 11.3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
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