

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

*This is a reading from the prophet Ezekiel.*

This is what God says,

“O my people, I am going to open your graves.  
I will raise you from death.  
I am going to bring you home to Israel.  
Then you will know that you are my people, and I am your God.  
I will put my Spirit in you so you will live.  
Then you will know that I, your God,  
have done what I said I would do.”

*The Word of the Lord.*

RESPONSE: *Psalm 36*

You are the light, the fountain of Life.

*Verses:*

*Leader:* 1. Your love is true and sets us free.  
2. You give us life that makes us rise.

*(Everyone repeat Verse and Response after Leader.)*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“I am the Resurrection; you will have life in me.”

*(After Gospel, repeat Acclamation.)*

GOSPEL: *John 11:1-45*

*This is a reading from the Gospel of John.*

Martha, Mary and their brother, Lazarus,  
lived in the village of Bethany. They were friends of Jesus.  
So when Lazarus was very sick,  
his two sisters sent a message to Jesus, saying,  
“Lord, your friend, Lazarus, is very sick.”

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Jesus was with his disciples when he got this message,  
and he said to them,

“This sickness is not going to end in death.

No, this has happened to Lazarus so that you will believe in me.”

Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus very much,  
yet he stayed where he was for two more days.

Then he said to his disciples,

“Now let’s go to Bethany.”

By the time Jesus got there, Lazarus was already dead  
and had been buried in a tomb for four days. Martha said to Jesus,

“Lord, if you had been here before,  
my brother would not have died.”

Jesus said to Martha,

“Your brother will rise again.”

Martha said,

“Yes, I know he will rise again  
at the end of time in the resurrection of all people.”

Jesus said to Martha,

“I am the resurrection. I am the life.

Anyone who believes in me will live forever.

Even though they die, they will live forever. Do you believe this?”

Martha answered,

“Yes, Lord, I believe you are the Christ.”

Then Martha went to get her sister, Mary. She said,

“Mary, the Teacher is here, and he wants to see you.”

So Mary ran to Jesus. She was crying,  
and when she saw him, she said,

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”



When Jesus saw her crying, he was filled with pity,  
and he began to cry. When others saw Jesus crying, they said,

“See how much he loved Lazarus.”

Then Jesus asked,

“Where is Lazarus buried?”

They said,

“Come and see.”

Lazarus was buried in a cave,  
and there was a large stone in front of it.

When Jesus came to the tomb,  
his heart was again filled with pity, and he said,

“Roll the stone away from the cave.”

So they took the stone away.

Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said,

“Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I know that you always hear me,  
but I am praying especially now

so that these people will believe that you sent me.”

Then he shouted,

“Lazarus, come out of the tomb!”

Lazarus came out.

His hands and feet and face  
were wrapped in pieces of white cloth.

So Jesus said,

“Untie him, and let him go.”

Many of the people  
who came to be with Martha and Mary were Jews.  
And when they saw what Jesus did,  
they believed in him.