

March 29, 2020
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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



• *Jesus raising Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, from the dead.* •

Ezekiel 37:12-14 • **Psalm 130** • Romans 8:8-11 • **John 11:1-45**

Full readings can be found at usccb.org/bible/readings/032920.cfm

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

Family: Amen.

A Penitential Act

Leader: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our
sins, and so prepare ourselves to reflect on the
sacred mysteries. *(pause)*

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy.

Family: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Christ Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

Family: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you gave yourself to heal us and
bring us strength: Lord, have mercy.

Family: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive
us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Family: Amen.

The Collect

Leader: Let us pray.

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.

Family: Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

A family may choose to use the full readings found at usccb.org. Otherwise, a brief selection is provided below.

• John 11:17-27 •

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Family: Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Family: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A family may want to pause here and ask each other a few questions of reflection, such as:

- *Martha went to Jesus; Mary stayed at home... What do we do when we are sad, troubled, in grief? Do we turn to Jesus or do we keep to ourselves?*
- *Martha assumed that God's promises were only in the future; and yet, her brother was raised that very day. Do we assume that God only saves and helps in the future or somewhere else? Or do we believe in a God who is truly present, here and now?*
- *Jesus tells Martha, 'I am the resurrection and the life' and asks her, 'Do you believe this?'... If Jesus were to ask this of you, how would you respond?*

• Psalm 130 •

Reader: The response is: 'With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.'

Family: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

Family: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reader: If you, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

Family: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reader: I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord.

Family: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reader: For with the Lord is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

Family: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

The Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Trusting, now, that Jesus is here, offering us His life and the power of His Resurrection, we turn to Him in our need. Our response is: 'Lord, hear our prayer.'

For the entire world, that all people will turn away from fear to faith. We pray to the Lord.

Family: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the sick and the hospitalized, that Jesus will give them strength. We pray to the Lord.

Family: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For an end to this pandemic, that there will be more progress in treatments and cures. We pray to the Lord.

Family: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the dead and those who grieve, that the Resurrection of Jesus will be their hope. We pray to the Lord.

Family: Lord, hear our prayer.

Family: Our Father, who art in heaven... ..Amen.

(Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive, from Thy bounty through Christ, our Lord. Amen.)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. □