

LENT 5

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord God:
Behold, I will open your
graves and raise you from
your graves, O my people.
And I will bring you into the
land of Israel. And you shall
know that I am the Lord,
when I open your graves, and
raise you from your graves, O
my people. And I will put my
Spirit within you, and you
shall live, and I will place you
in your own land. Then you
shall know that I am the
Lord; I have spoken, and I
will do it, declares the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

*Ps 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b.
6c-8. R 7bc*

**R With the Lord there is
mercy, in him is plentiful
redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to
you, O Lord; Lord, hear my
voice! O let your ears be
attentive to the sound of my
pleadings. R

If you, O Lord, should mark
iniquities, Lord, who could
stand? But with you is found
forgiveness, that you may be
revered. R

I long for you, O Lord,
my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the Lord more
than watchmen for
daybreak. R

More than watchmen for
daybreak, let Israel hope for
the Lord. For with the Lord
there is mercy, in him is
plentiful redemption.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities. R

**R With the Lord there is
mercy, in him is plentiful
redemption.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and Sisters: Those
who are in the flesh cannot
please God. You, however, are
not in the flesh but in the
Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of
God dwells in you. Anyone
who 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
life because of righteousness.
If the Spirit of him who
raised Jesus from the dead
dwells in you, he who raised
Christ Jesus from the dead
will also give life to your
mortal bodies through his
Spirit who dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of Eternal Glory!**

I am the resurrection and the
life, says the Lord. Everyone
who believes in me shall never
die. **Praise to you...**

GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

At that time: A certain man
was ill, Lazarus of Bethany,
the village of Mary and her
sister Martha. It was Mary,
who anointed the Lord with
ointment and wiped his feet
with her hair, whose brother
Lazarus was ill. So the sisters
sent to him, saying, 'Lord, he
whom you love is ill.' But
when Jesus heard it he said,
'This illness does not lead to
death. It is for the glory of
God, so that the Son of God
may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and
her sister and Lazarus. So,
when he heard that Lazarus
was ill, he stayed two days
longer in the place where he
was. Then after this he said to
the disciples, 'Let us go to
Judea again.' The disciples
said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews
were just now seeking to stone
you, and are you going there
again?' Jesus answered, 'Are
there not twelve hours in the
day? If anyone walks in the
day, he does not stumble,
because he sees the light of
this world. But if anyone
walks in the night, he
stumbles, because the light is

not in him.’ After saying these things, he said to them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.’ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.’ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, ‘Let us also go, that we may die with him.’

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 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 from God, God will give you.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he

live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.’

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, ‘The Teacher is here and is calling for you.’ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying 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 also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?’

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay

against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, ‘Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out.’ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

