

# FAMILY LITURGY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

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## PREPARATION

Set up your sacred space. Place a cloth, cross, bible and candle. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

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## GATHER

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

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## COLLECT

Lord God, help us to follow you more closely as we listen to your words in the Gospel. Amen.

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 31-45

MARTHA AND HER SISTER MARY SENT A MESSAGE TO THE LORD AND TOLD HIM THAT HIS GOOD FRIEND LAZARUS WAS SICK. JESUS LOVED MARTHA AND HER SISTER AND BROTHER. WHEN JESUS GOT TO BETHANY, HE FOUND THAT LAZARUS HAD ALREADY BEEN IN THE TOMB FOR FOUR DAYS. WHEN MARTHA HEARD THAT JESUS WAS COMING, SHE WENT OUT TO MEET HIM, BUT MARY STAYED IN THE HOUSE.

MARTHA SAID TO JESUS, "LORD, IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE, MY BROTHER WOULD NOT HAVE DIED! YET EVEN NOW I KNOW THAT GOD WILL DO ANYTHING YOU ASK." JESUS TOLD HER "YOUR BROTHER WILL LIVE AGAIN!" MARTHA ANSWERED, "I KNOW THAT HE WILL BE RAISED TO LIFE ON THE LAST DAY, WHEN ALL THE DEAD ARE RAISED." JESUS THEN ANSWERED, "I AM THE ONE WHO RAISES THE DEAD TO LIFE. EVERYONE WHO HAS FAITH IN ME WILL LIVE EVEN IF THEY DIE. AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES BECAUSE OF FAITH IN ME WILL NEVER DIE. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?" "YES, LORD!" SHE REPLIED. "I DO BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD. YOU ARE THE ONE WE HOPED WOULD COME INTO THE WORLD."





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WHEN JESUS SAW THAT MARY AND THE PEOPLE WITH HER WERE CRYING, HE WAS TERRIBLY UPSET AND ASKED "WHERE HAVE YOU PUT HIM?" THEY REPLIED, "LORD, COME AND YOU WILL SEE." JESUS STARTED CRYING AND THE PEOPLE SAID, "SEE HOW MUCH HE LOVED LAZARUS." SO HE WENT TO THE TOMB WHICH WAS A CAVE WITH A STONE ROLLED AGAINST THE ENTRANCE. THEN HE TOLD THE PEOPLE TO ROLL THE STONE AWAY. BUT MARTHA SAID, "LORD, YOU KNOW THAT LAZARUS HAS BEEN DEAD FOUR DAYS AND THERE WILL BE A BAD SMELL." JESUS REPLIED, "DIDNT I TELL YOU THAT IF YOU HAD FAITH, YOU WOULD SEE THE GLORY OF GOD?" AFTER THE STONE HAD BEEN ROLLED ASIDE, JESUS LOOKED UP TOWARD HEAVEN AND PRAYED, "FATHER, I THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING MY PRAYERS. I KNOW THAT YOU ALWAYS ANSWER MY PRAYERS. BUT I SAID THIS SO THAT THE PEOPLE HERE WOULD BELIEVE THAT YOU SENT ME. WHEN JESUS HAD FINISHED PRAYING, HE SHOUTED, "LAZARUS, COME OUT!" THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN DEAD CAME OUT. HIS HANDS AND FEET WERE WRAPPED WITH STRIPS OF BURIAL CLOTH, AND A CLOTH COVERED HIS FACE. JESUS THEN TOLD THE PEOPLE, "UNTIE HIM AND LET HIM GO." MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD COME TO VISIT MARY SAW THE THINGS THAT JESUS DID, AND THEY PUT THEIR FAITH IN HIM.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD  
ALL: PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST



# I WONDER...

I wonder how this story makes you feel?

I wonder if you think that this is hard to do?

I wonder what Jesus is asking us through this story?

I wonder how we can best show God's love to the world?

# IN MY PRAYER TODAY...

I pray for the people in my life I go to who believe and have faith in me!



Let us pray for all the needs of our family, our parish, our community, our world and all the Church. We gather all our prayers as we pray *The Lords Prayer* Together...

# ACTIVITIES



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Family Faith  
  
Formation

