

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year A

## ENTRANCE HYMN

1. O cross erected above the world  
Cross of our Saviour King! } 2  
Fount from which gushed the waters  
Straight from the wound in His side  
Filling our lives with His gift of grace  
Cross of our Saviour King
2. O cross, Thou channel of grace divine  
Cross of our Saviour King! } 2  
Tree on which death was conquered  
Thou the first altar of love  
Jesus, the Lamb gave His Life on thee,  
Cross of our Saviour King!
3. O cross sublime and refulgent tree, }2  
Cross of our Saviour King!  
Jesus through thee has saved us,  
Great was the price that He paid  
Thou art the folly of love divine,  
Cross of our Saviour King!

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14  
*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks. The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 129. R. v. 7

### R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11  
*The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 11:25. 26

*Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!* I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; who ever believes in me will never die. *Praise to you, O Christ, King ....*

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:1-45  
*I am the resurrection and the life.*

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. - It was the same Mary, the

sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. \*

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' \*

The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' \*

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. \* Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. \*

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' \*

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, \*

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him. The Gospel of the Lord. \*

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at

the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

1. O Sacred Head, surrounded | by crown of piercing thorn! | O bleeding Head, so wounded, | reviled and put to scorn! | Our sins have marred the glory | of Thy most Holy Face, | yet angel hosts adore Thee | and tremble as they gaze
2. I see Thy strength and vigour | all fading in the strife, | and death with cruel rigor, | bereaving Thee of life; | O agony and dying! | O love to sinners free! | Jesus, all grace supplying, | O turn Thy face on me
3. In this Thy bitter passion, | Good Shepherd, think of me | with Thy most sweet compassion, | unworthy though I be: | beneath Thy cross abiding | for ever would I rest, | in Thy dear love confiding, | and with Thy presence blest.

### COMMUNION HYMNS

1. I am the bread of life. | He who comes to me shall not hunger; | he who believes in me shall not thirst. | No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.  
*And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last day.*
2. The bread that I will give | is my flesh for the life of the world, | and he who eats of this bread, | he shall live for ever, he shall live for ever.
3. Unless you eat | of the flesh of the Son of Man | and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, | you shall not have life within you.
4. I am the resurrection, I am the life. | He who believes in me | even if he die, | he shall live for ever
5. Yes, Lord, I believe | that you are the Christ, | the Son of God, | who has come, into the world.

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1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,  
If you would my disciple be;  
Deny yourself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.
  2. Take up your cross, let not its weight  
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength shall bear your spirit up,  
And brace your heart and nerve your arm.
  3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
And let your foolish heart be still;  
The Lord for you accepted death  
Upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.
  4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
And calmly ev'ry danger brave;  
It guides you to a better home  
And leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.
  5. Take up your cross, and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only those who bear the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
3. Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,  
But as Thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,  
Familiar, condescending, patient, free.  
Come not to sojourn, but abide with me.
4. I need Thy presence every passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
5. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted!
  2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.
  3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.  
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded,  
God interceded.
  4. For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
for my salvation.
  5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I loved that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.  
  
*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.*
2. In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me.