

The Power of God's Love

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Orlagh in the City

March 22nd 2026



Welcome & Introduction

Hymn 1: [Jesus remember me](#)

Penitential Rite

Opening prayer

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:12-14

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.

SECOND READING Romans 8:8-11

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*

PSALM 129 (130)

*With the Lord there is mercy and
fullness of redemption.*

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.

Response.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
For this we revere you.

Response

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.)

Response

Because with the Lord there is mercy
And fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
From all its iniquity

Response

Gospel Acclamation *Mt4:4*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
Whoever believes in me will never die.**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45



Mary and Martha 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.**’

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. 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.*’

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

Who did not create a world incapable of change;
Who does not govern according to a natural order
Of rich and poor,
Of the expert and the ignorant,
Of rulers and subjects.

I believe in God, who willed conflict in life,
And wanted us to change the present state of things
Through our work, through our politics.

I believe in Jesus Christ who rises again and again in our lives
So that we will be free
From prejudice and arrogance,
From fear and hate and carry on his revolution
And make way for his kingdom.

I believe in the Spirit that Jesus brought into the world.

I believe in the brotherhood and sisterhood of all nations.

I believe that what our earth becomes is up to us –
A vale of tears starvation and tyranny, - or a city of God.

I believe in a just peace that can be achieved;

I believe in the possibility of a meaningful life for all people.

I believe this world of God's has a future.

Prayers of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Hymn 2 (Communion) [Seigneur tu garde mon ame](#)

Lord you watch over my soul



When the World is on fire –

A Prayer for Peace

Adapted from Prayer by Cameron Bellm

In these days,

When wars rage,

Genocide goes unchecked,
And negotiations are abandoned,

When lifesaving medicines and food

Are withheld as a weapon
And innocent casualties escalate,

Peace feels like a mirage,

Something always beyond the horizon

In our helplessness, Lord,

Be with us.

Remind us,

When we encounter the suffering of others,

That there is nothing that affects one of
us,

That does not affect us all.

Are we not sisters and brothers,

All of us brought to life
Through your creative Spirit,
All of us your beloved - your creation

Draw us, Lord,

To speak truth to power,
To stand with the abandoned,
The broken and the voiceless

Draw us, Lord,

To work with You and each other,
To build a better world

A world where each of Your children

Is honoured as sacred,

A world where PEACE is the language

We speak, the air we breathe.



Announcements

Hymn 3 (Recessional) [Laudate Dominum](#)