

OTHER WORDS TO RECALL THIS WEEK

During this fifth week of Lent as you journey with Jesus, you could take time to recall other words from the Psalm of this week and use these to keep a close connection with Jesus as you work and pray.

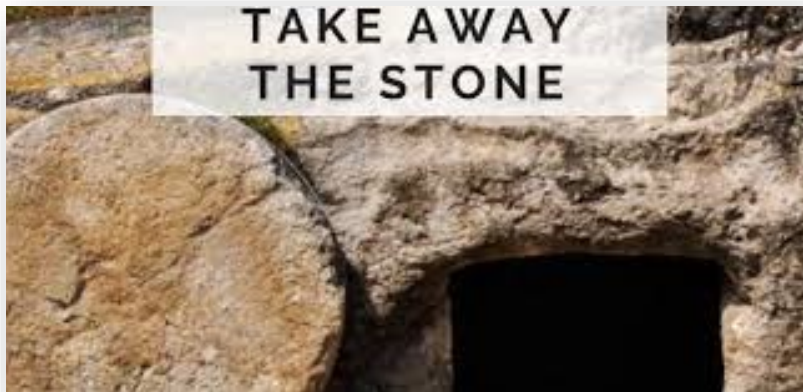
Out of the depths I cry to you.

Lord, hear my voice.

With you is found forgiveness.

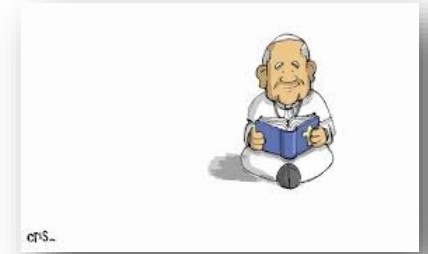
My soul is waiting.

With the Lord there is mercy.



LIVING WORD

WEEK 5: New Life



READ OUT LOUD

FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 11: 3-7,17,20-27, 33-45

The sisters Martha and Mary sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having 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.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' 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. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. 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 have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for 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 looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in 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 Jesus did, believed in him.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST



REFLECT

- What words or phrases strike you in this passage?
- What do you find deadens your life of faith?
- How easy is it for you to speak about Jesus to others?

RESPOND

As we continue our journey with Jesus for Lent, we pray that like Lazarus we will be given new life, as we say:

Lord give us new life

Give us new life by helping us to realise the depth of your love for us
Lord give us new life

Give us new life by opening our minds and hearts to really receive the message of the Gospel **Lord give us new life**

Give us new life by increasing our energy to serve others
Lord give us new life

Give us new life by helping us to turn away from sin and turn to you
Lord give us new life



REST

Now take time to rest with a phrase, repeating it in your heart or out loud. Choose one you are most drawn to:

- What do you say about him?
- You have seen him
- Lord, I believe