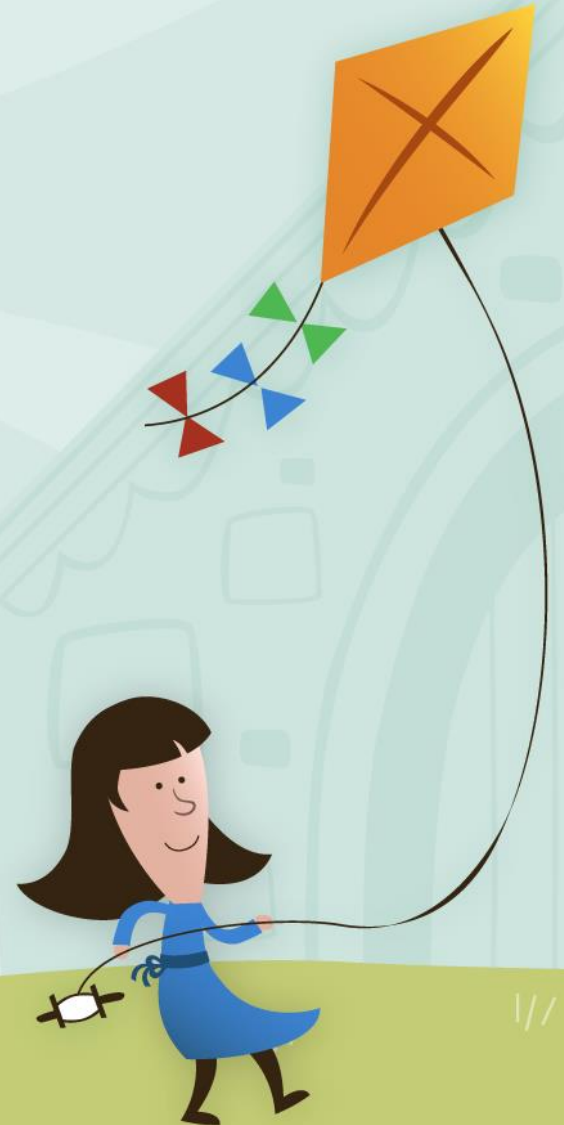


WELCOME THE WORD

THIS SUNDAYS THEME
RISE AND LIVE



Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent



We are going to
Listen to God's Word
Share our thoughts
Pray for each other
Then join our parents in Church





Rise



Life



Share which of the two pictures you like most

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a park scene. On the left, a young girl with brown hair in pigtails, wearing a red dress, is jumping rope. On the right, a young boy with a red helmet, wearing a green jacket and blue pants, is skateboarding. The background features stylized green trees and a grey path. The overall tone is bright and cheerful.

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

*As you listen
look out for rise and life*

- So Mary and Martha sent someone to tell Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”
- When Jesus heard this he said, “This sickness will not end in death. It is for the glory of God. This has happened to bring glory to the Son of God.”
- Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. But when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days. Then Jesus said to his followers, “Let us go back to Judea.”



- Jesus arrived in Bethany. There he learned that Lazarus had already been dead and in the tomb for four days.
- Martha heard that Jesus was coming, and she went out to meet him. But Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you anything you ask.”
- Jesus said, “Your brother will rise and live again.”



- Martha answered, “I know that he will rise and live again in the resurrection on the last day.”
- Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will have life even if he dies. And he who lives and believes in me will never die. Martha, do you believe this?”
- Martha answered, “Yes, Lord. I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God. You are the One who was coming to the world.”



SHARE

- ABOUT THE STORY

- Where is Jesus today in this Gospel?
- Why did the sisters call for Jesus?
- What did Jesus do when he heard about his friend Lazarus?
- How did Jesus respond?
- How did Jesus comfort the sisters?
- How do you think Martha felt?



- ABOUT US

- When have you ever helped a friend who is sad?
- What words did you say to help?
- When has something really amazing happened to you? How did it make you feel?



LET'S PRAY

FOR OURSELVES

- When we are tired or sad or feeling a bit low Lord give us new life
- Lord give us new life
- When we get a bit bored with doing the right thing and being kind to others
- Lord give us new life



FOR OUR WORLD

- When people see the trees and flowers grow new leaves
- Lord give them new life
- When we think about those who are sick and need your help
- Lord give them new life



What picture
will you
remember
this week?

