



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 29, 2020

WITH THE
Lord

THERE IS
Mercy
AND FULLNESS OF
Redemption

PSALM 130

Weekly Scripture

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday, March 30

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

or 13:41c-62

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 31

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9

Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2

Lenten Weekday

Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Gn 17:3-9

Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Jn 8:51-59

First Friday, April 3

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13

Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7

Jn 10:31-42

First Saturday, April 4

Lenten Weekday

*Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

Ez 37:21-28

Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13

Jn 11:45-56

Life in Christ

Gospel Reflection based on John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. An innocent man mounts the steps to the guillotine. He hasn't led the best of lives. He has seen in himself nothing worthy of honor. But he has exchanged places in prison with the young husband of the woman he loves. He had promised to do anything to protect her and hers. He has saved the man at the cost of his own life.

You may recognize the scene from Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*. As Sydney Carton goes to meet his death, the words of Jesus echo in his mind, what Jesus said to Martha, grieving over the death of her brother Lazarus: *I am the resurrection and the life*.

When my father died, I wasn't overcome by grief. That came later. I thought about the promise of Jesus to Mary and Martha. My father, even though he should die, would live. It wasn't just Jesus that would give him life, but that Jesus *was* life. It wasn't just that Jesus would raise him up as he raised Lazarus, only to die once more, but that Jesus *was* the Resurrection. If you are in Jesus, you are in the Resurrection and the Life. It's what Sydney Carton learned at last, and what all Christians, even in the deepest sorrow, must remember.

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An Act of Spiritual Communion

When we cannot receive Holy Eucharist in person

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A Litany of Trust

The Litany of Trust is a prayer composed by Sr. Faustina Maria Pia, SV. This prayer asks Jesus to deliver us from the things that hold us bound and to help us trust in His promises.

From the belief that I
have to earn Your love
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that I am unlovable
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the false security
that I have what it takes
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that trusting You
will leave me more destitute
Deliver me, Jesus.

From all suspicion of
Your words and promises
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the rebellion against
childlike dependency on You
Deliver me, Jesus.

From refusals and reluctances
in accepting Your will
Deliver me, Jesus.

From anxiety about the future
Deliver me, Jesus.

From resentment or excessive
preoccupation with the past
Deliver me, Jesus.

From restless self-seeking
in the present moment
Deliver me, Jesus.

From disbelief in Your love and
presence
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being asked
to give more than I have
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the belief that my life
has no meaning or worth
Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of what love demands
Deliver me, Jesus.

From discouragement
Deliver me, Jesus.

That You are continually holding
me, sustaining me, loving me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your love goes deeper than my
sins and failings and transforms me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That not knowing what tomorrow
brings is an invitation to lean on You
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are with me in my suffering
Jesus, I trust in You.

That my suffering, united to Your own,
will bear fruit in this life and the next
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will not leave me orphan,
that You are present in Your Church
Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your plan is better
than anything else
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You always hear me and in
Your goodness always respond to me
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me the grace to accept
forgiveness and to forgive others
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me all the strength
I need for what is asked
Jesus, I trust in You.

That my life is a gift
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will teach me to trust You
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are my Lord and my God
Jesus, I trust in You.

That I am Your beloved one
Jesus, I trust in You.

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Prayer to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to Your Will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

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Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God, you will want for nothing. God alone suffices.
St. Teresa of Avila

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