

PASSION SUNDAY- The 5th Sunday in Lent – March 29, 2020

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Lamb of God, so went to suffer. Thou didst bear Thy heavy Cross in anguish, for the sins in which all men would languish.

Weep, o man, in thy sad station, Lo, the price of thy Salvation. Jesus, Jesus, on the Cross Thou bearest. All the grief of sinful man Thou sharest.

We celebrate the Contemporary Rite of Mass-Pg. 63

THE INTROIT(Daniel 12:2-3)

C: Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some to live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. **R: But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.** C: Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered. **R: O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.**

THE OPENING PRAYER

LET US PRAY...Heavenly Father, Your Son has made the grave holy and a place of hope for Your people. May we who die in Him also rise in Him. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reign with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON-the book of the prophet Ezekiel (37:12-14)

Thus says the Lord God: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the Lord. I have promised, and I will do it, says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God!

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 130:1-8)

R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.
Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.
R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

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

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word.

More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

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

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

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

THE SECOND LESSON-the letter of Paul to the Romans (8:8-11)

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

This is the Word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God!

Please Stand: THE TRACT (Romans 6:8-9)

C: If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. **R: We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him.**

THE GOSPEL-the holy gospel according to St. John (11:1-45)

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to Jesus saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there? Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be

saved.” But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, “Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him.” So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.” When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And any of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said to him, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, “The teacher is here and is asking for you.” As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped

in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.” Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

This is the gospel of the Lord. R: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT – Deacon Jim

**THE HOMILY - THE PROFESSION OF FAITH
THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL R: Lord, hear our prayer!**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY VERSE(Revelation 20:6a)

Blessed and holy is the One Who shares in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over these.

THE PRAYERS OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty, ever-living God, receive this offering and lead our hearts back to You. Through the merits of this spotless Sacrifice may we receive the promise of eternal inheritance. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

**THE PASSION PREFACE AND THE SANCTUS
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #1, PG. 77**

COMMUNION HYMN – Deacon Jim

THE COMMUNION VERSE(Isaiah 26:19a)

C: But your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise;

R: awake and sing, you who lie in the dust.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LET US PRAY... Lord of life and death, You have redeemed us with the precious blood of Your Son. Through this Eucharist we have received, keep us firm in the confession of His name so that we may gain eternal life as He promised. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN – (NB #153)

O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me. He gave His life - what more could He give? O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for mankind to show. What He did there brought hope from despair. O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me.