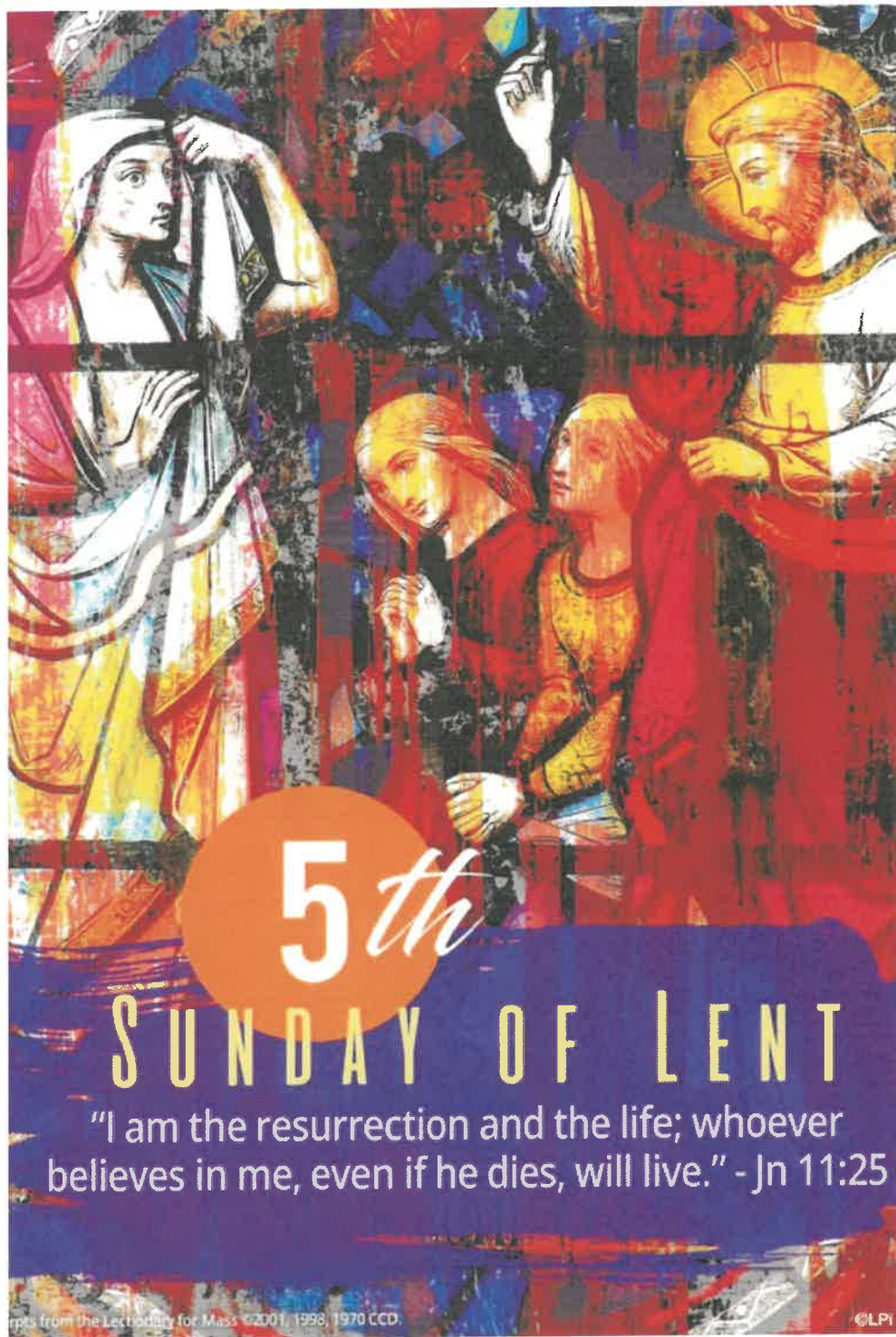


SAINTS SIMON & JUDE

Catholic Community • Huntington Beach



March 17, 2024 | 5th Sunday of Lent



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday
8:15 am

Saturday Vigil
4:00 pm

Sunday
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and
5:00 pm

Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Saturday following the 8:15 am
Mass in the church.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call or visit the parish office
to make an appointment.

Parish Office Hours
Mon-Fri: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday Closed

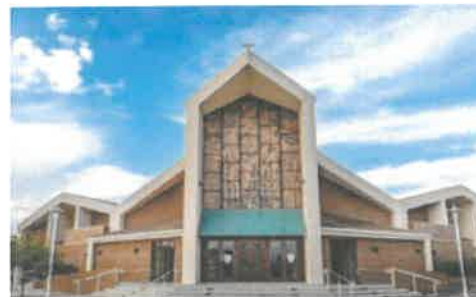
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FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Hey Y'all,

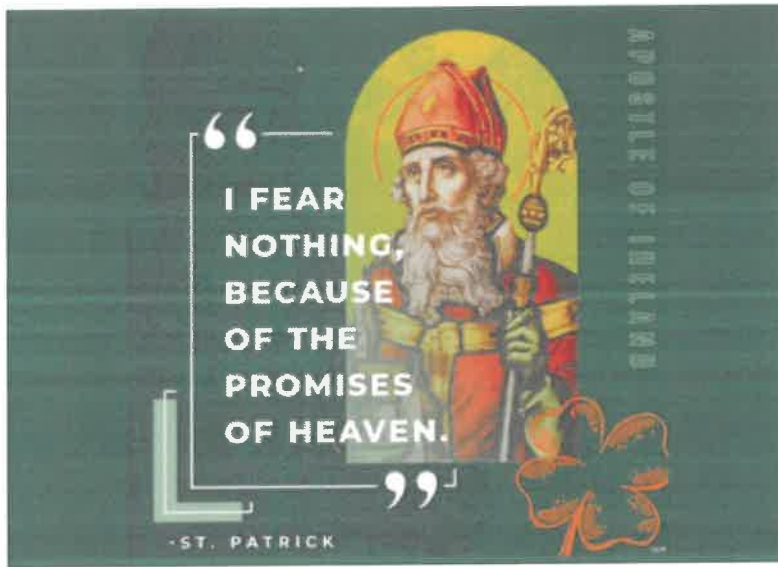
It's the Fifth Sunday of Lent! We're getting ever closer to the celebration of the greatest feast of the Christian Church year, Easter. In anticipating Easter, our liturgy challenges us to consider an essential truth that is central to our faith as Roman Catholic Christians. That essential truth is "*the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come*". (Sound familiar? That's a line from the Nicene Creed.)

So today, we will hear both the Prophet Ezekiel's ancient prophecy (circa 597 B.C.) and Jesus' active miracle of raising his friend Lazarus from the grave (circa 33 A.D.). The 600 years or so between Ezekiel and Jesus' action didn't dilute a teaching that bridged ancient Jewish roots and Jesus' revelation. And now, ever since Jesus' Ascension, resurrection of body, mind and spirit has been the teaching of the Church and the hope of Christians. So that when Easter rolls around, we're celebrating a faith that is both ancient, new, and forever. Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed. And by promised extension we who are friends of Jesus, his disciples, his faithful, and his Church will share in his resurrection. And by Christ's victory over death, we will live victoriously in Heaven. And finally, in the resurrection of the dead, which will be the fruit of Christ Jesus' return in glory, we'll have the fullness of being in a new and glorified earth. It's almost too much to imagine, but how wonderful it is. This is our orthodox Catholic faith. So hold on to this truth of the resurrection in hope and in loving awe!

And now another point to ponder. This Fifth Sunday of Lent falls on March 17th. March 17th is known religiously and colloquially as the Feast of St. Patrick of Ireland or Fhéile Pádraig. And even though a Saint's feast day, even for so great a Saint as Patrick, is subordinate to a Sunday, it's helpful to consider that every saint's memorial day is related to heaven and life continuing after death. For Padraig, all the Saints and those who have gone before us in grace are already experiencing Christ's victory over death. Their souls are experiencing Heaven. And while we remember them, thinking back on their lives as exemplars, they are living in Christ, even now communing with God and praying for us. Remember that our God is God of both the living and the dead.

So, if Sunday dinner today consists of corned beef, colcannon and soda bread washed down by a dram of something Irish, give thanks to God for life everlasting. Thank St. Patrick for teaching the Irish about a faith that embraces hope and love because of the promise of heaven. And give yourself over to becoming ever more saintly through Lenten disciplines and Easter joy.

Fr. Reynold



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Monday: 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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,
24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn
10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Second Reading: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel: They brought him to the place of Golgotha — which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mk 15:22)

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SSJ HAPPENINGS

Monday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 8:15 am Mass | † Brian Sweeney |
† Cynthia M. Mc Lean | † Lance Larson

Tuesday, March 19 - St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:15 am Mass | † Susumu Miyashiro
- 9:00 am Little Saints (FR)

Wednesday, March 20

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (FR)
- 8:15 am Mass | † Joan McGovern
- 3:30 pm Parking Lot Prayer
- 4:00 pm Centering Prayer (FR)
- 7:00 pm Mass | Catholicism Re-Run (FR)

Thursday, March 21

- 8:15 am Mass | † Gilbert Madrid
- 9:00 am Theology Study (FR)

Friday, March 22

- 8:15 am Mass | Carol Funke
- 4:30 pm Fish Fry (CH)
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Meditation Garden)

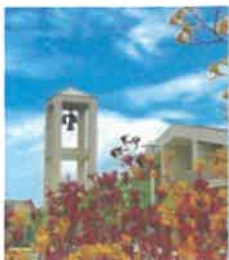
Saturday, March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

- 8:15 am Mass | † Marlene Mahan |
† Brandon Yates | Richard Blais
- 9:00 am Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass | † Lydia & Clarence Glissman

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8:00 am Mass | Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Community
- 9:30 am Mass | † Walter Michalski
- 9:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word/Tot Liturgy (FR)
- 11:15 am Mass | † Alberto & Cosme Ammaturo
- 5:00 pm Mass | † Ron La Gro

For our complete calendar, please visit our website.
www.ssjo.org



Update Your Contact Information For Better Communication

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve communication within our parish community, we are kindly requesting parishioners to update their contact information. Please contact the parish office at 714.962.3333 or ssj@ssjo.org.

FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTS



MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Ensenada, Mexico June 15th - 21st, 2024


This summer Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Community will be offering the opportunity to serve on a week-long Mission Trip! We will be continuing our partnership with Praying Pelican Missions to offer individuals and families the opportunity to serve together in intergenerational, relational ministry. Please visit www.ssj.org/missiontrips or contact Andrew Watson awatson@ssj.org for more information.




GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29 12:00PM

STATIONS HIKE

All parishioners are invited /
Contact: awatson@ssj.org



Santiago Retreat Center
26982 Baker Canyon Rd
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SCAN ME



Moni's Group
March 26
9:45-11:15 am

BIBLE STUDY

Franciscan Room
Childcare

Keeping IN BALANCE
— CATHOLIC ORDER WOMEN —
— ADULT STUDY —

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AROUND THE COMMUNITY



SSJ Lenten Outreach — 5th Week of Lent

The Catechism states that charity is *"the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God"* (CCC, No.1822). More than simply giving money, **almsgiving** is an act of love that can deepen our **prayer** life as we are brought into contact with our brothers and sisters in poverty and gives us a greater understanding of what it means to go without while **fasting**.

This Lenten season we fasted, prayed for and helped provide for the needs of others. Thank you for your generous donations of goods, money, time or service to others. Almsgiving helps us say, "Here is what I can offer, and I offer it out of love for you (and God) because I care about your welfare." We provided food for the working poor through **Share Ourselves** food pantry. We provided pregnant mothers and their babies at **Casa Teresa** items needed to start a healthy family. We provided food to at-risk and homeless high-school students served by **Robyne's Nest** in Huntington Beach. We welcomed formerly unhoused individuals served by **Mercy House** as they transitioned into permanent housing with practical items needed to make a home. We helped to show **foster children** that we care by filling Easter bags with love and joy. As we approach the Easter season and the joy of the Resurrection, let us prayerfully consider making the Lenten practice of almsgiving into a year-round exercise, an integral part of our spiritual lives, a tool that leads us to a deeper union with Jesus Christ and the universal church.

CENTERING PRAYER



A CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER PRACTICE

All are Welcome to Join our Prayer Community

2nd and 4th Mondays
of the Month
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Church

Tuesdays
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm via Zoom

Wednesdays
4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
In the Franciscan Rooms

No experience is necessary.

"Inside each of us in an upper room, where we experience the living presence of God."
Matthew Kelly, Author

Contact: Kathy Blauer ssj@ssj.org

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Irene Vinch

Lynn Bien

Tammy Dawson

Mike Frasier

Brian Graves

Sharon Einck

Michael Baggett

Virginia Bonano

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Afternoon
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AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Parishioner Donation Summary for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Collection	Actual Amount	Budgeted Amount
February Ordinary Collection (Sunday and Online Donations)	\$ 124,438	\$ 121,333
Year to Date Ordinary Collections through June 30, 2024	\$1,199,322	\$1,761,700
Number of Donors	727	

Ways to Donate to the Parish:

- Online Payment - Online payments can be made through the WeShare link at <https://ssj.churchgiving.com/>
- Scan to Donate - Scan the QR code using your smart phone camera



PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to those parishioners who have already pledged more than \$106,000 to date.

Please consider donating to the 2024 PSA fund. Donations may be made online at <https://www.rcbo.org/psa/> or by sending a check to the parish. More information can be found in flyers located in the bulletin holders at the church entrances.

Parish Assessment - \$209,000
Current Pledges - \$106,000
Pledges Paid - \$83,000
Donors - 82

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Bread of Life

Join us in providing Sunday Meals for those in need

Christ Pacific Church welcomes the SSJ parish community to join the Bread of Life (BOL) program. Help provide Sunday meals for 30+ guests from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Participate in planning, preparing, and serving by joining a flexible BOL team. Demand is increasing, and more volunteers are needed across four teams.

For details, contact Henry DuBois at 714-962-3106 or to sign up, reach out to Brian Wolff at 714-378-7871.

CHRIST PACIFIC CHURCH



Self-Help Interfaith Program SHIP - We provide a Safe Harbor

SSJ hosts SHIP guests April 6 - April 19
Sign up after Mass this weekend!

If you feel called to serve in the spirit of our brother, Francis of Assisi, SHIP provides an opportunity to offer compassionate, tangible aid to our brothers and sisters who are striving to turn their lives around.

This weekend we are taking sign-ups after all the Masses. We seek parishioners to provide dinners for the SHIP guests we are hosting for two weeks at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Fountain Valley. Please take this opportunity to support the men and women working through a rigorous four-month program toward self-sufficiency.

Please call SSJ parishioner Carol Zwaans, for more information and to sign up: 714.501.4190.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Conversations in the Spirit

"...an exercise of mutual listening, conducted at all levels of the Church and involving the entire People of God."
- Pope Francis

"Conversations in the Spirit" is an opportunity to actively participate in shaping our Church through spirit guided discussions of thoughts and feelings about the direction of the Church. We will reflect, share, and seek discernment around key questions from the USCCB and the Vatican, which have asked parishes to consider.

From April 10 to May 16, we will meet each Tuesday evening, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Franciscan Rooms. Over the five sessions participants will learn and put into practice becoming a synodal church.

For more background and information, please contact Jo Ann Conte or Chris Sumpter at ssj@ssj.org or visit our table in Mondor Plaza after Masses on April 6/7 and April 13/14.

Holy Week & Easter Liturgies

MARCH 29 - HOLY THURSDAY

8:15am Morning Prayer
7:00pm Mass

MARCH 29 - GOOD FRIDAY

8:15am Morning Prayer
Noon & 7:00pm Service

MARCH 30 - HOLY SATURDAY

8:15am Morning Prayer
7:30pm Vigil

MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY

7:00am Mass Church
9:00am Mass (Church & Colman Hall)
11:00am Mass (Church & Colman Hall)



Fish Fry

*Fridays,
February 16 - March 22
4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Colman Hall*

**26th Annual
Lenten Fish Fry**
hosted by the
Men's Club

Baked Goods



Volunteer



VOLUNTEER
Your volunteer support is crucial to the continued success of this event. If you would like to volunteer, please scan the QR code.

BAKED GOODS
We will gratefully accept baked goods for the dessert table. Please sign up using the QR code. You can drop off your donation at the parish office from 9am - 3pm or to Colman Hall after 3pm.

LEMONS
Bring your lemon donations to the parish office Monday - Thursday in accordance with the schedule below:

- Week 1 (2/16) A-D
- Week 2 (2/23) E-J
- Week 3 (3/01) K-P
- Week 4 (3/08) Q-U
- Week 5 (3/15) V-Z
- Week 6 (3/22) A-Z

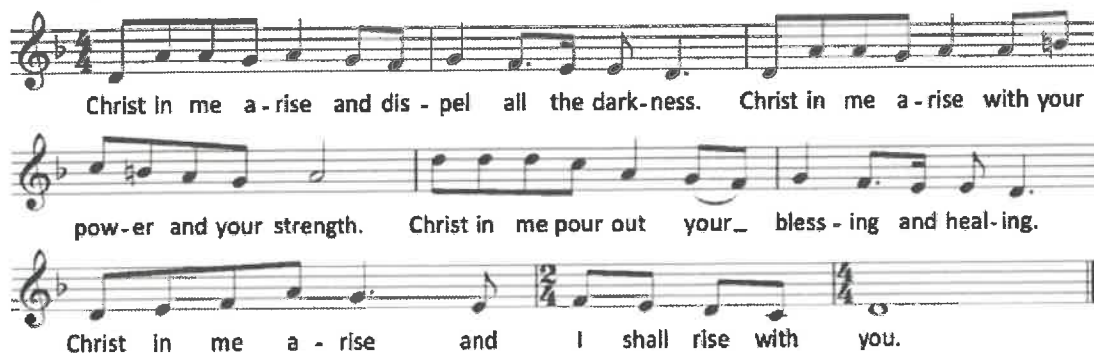
Lenten Invitation: Stations of the Cross in the Meditation Garden

*Fridays
Led by Deacon Matt
February 16 & 23
March 1 & 22
7:00 pm*

The Meditation Garden is
open during Lent
Dawn to Dusk
for self-guided Stations of the Cross.
Complimentary guides will be available.

PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

Entrance: Christ In Me Arise – Trevor Thomson



Be now my vision; open these eyes, showing me all that I must see.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way. Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

Reading I: Ez 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.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130 – Owen Alstott



Reading II: Rom 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.

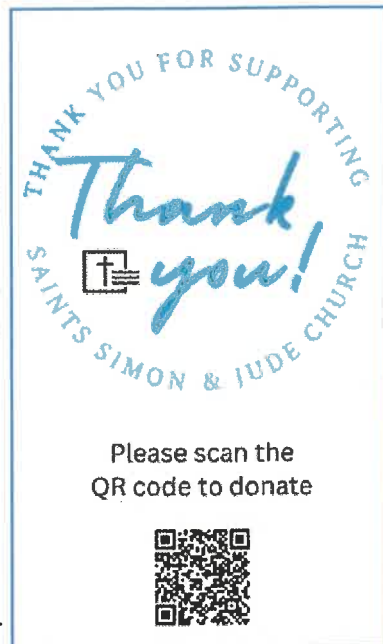
Gospel Acclamation: Lenten Gospel Acclamation



V: I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

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 him 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



PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

about two miles away. And many 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.

Preparation of the Gifts: I Will Rise - Chris Tomlin

There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail. There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well." Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won, he is risen from the dead.

Chorus

And I will rise when he calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings. Before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light. And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes. Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won, he is risen from the dead.

11:15am Mass: He that shall endure to the end (from Elijah) - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

He that shall endure to the end, shall be saved.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Saint Mary Magdalene - Sarah Hart

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (BOW) *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

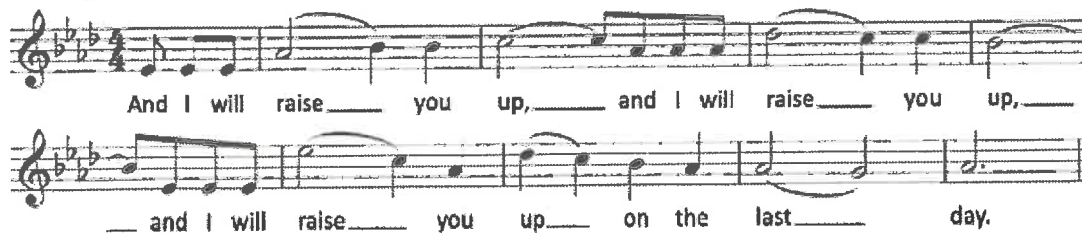
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

Communion: I Am the Bread of Life - Suzanne Toolan, RSM

I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.



The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever.

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world.

Meditation: What Wondrous Love Is This - arr. Josh Blakesley

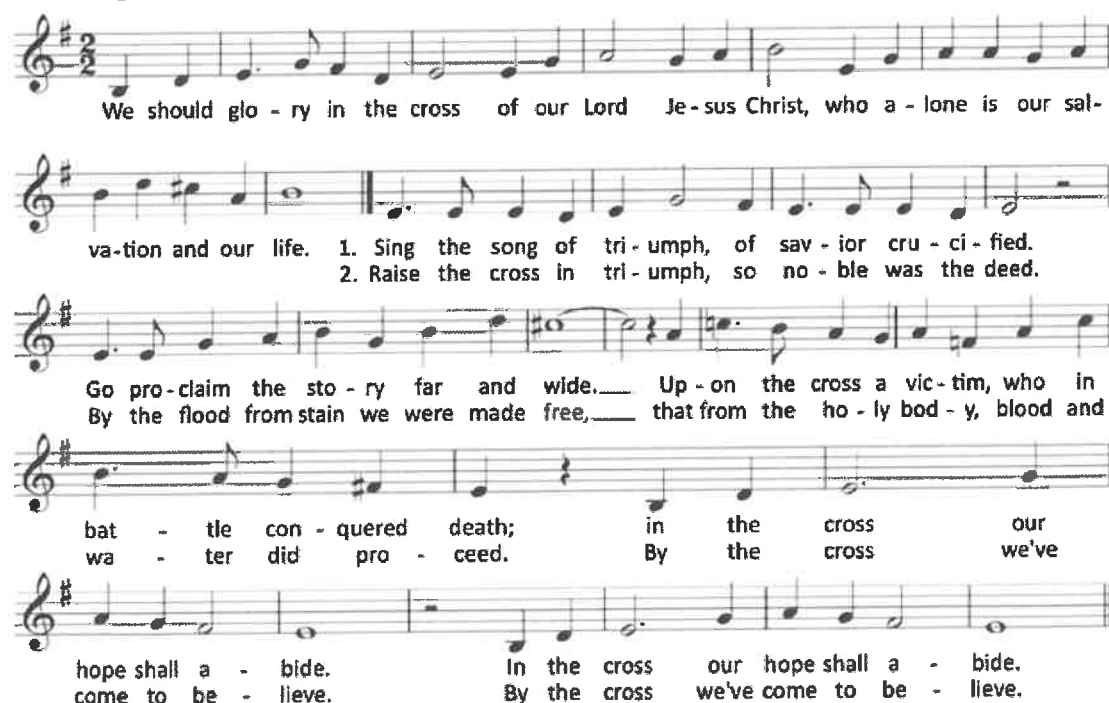
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul? What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on!
And through eternity, I'll sing on.

11:15am Mass: Wondrous Love - arr. Paul Christiansen

Sending Forth: We Should Glory in the Cross - Ricky Manalo, CSP





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