

## Psalm

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.

(Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

## Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, "Lord, the man you love is ill." On receiving the message, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified."

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he learned that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, "Let us go to Judaea."

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you." "Your brother", said Jesus to her, "will rise again." Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said:

"I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes Lord," she said, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world." Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, "Where have you put him?" They said, "See how much he loved him!" But there were some who remarked, "He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?" Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, "Take the stone away." Martha said to him "Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day." Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone.

Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

"Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me."

When he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, here! Come out!" The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, let him go free."

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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## Intercessions

Pray for family and loved ones so that they may be held in God's compassionate care.

Pray for other countries who are struggling with the effects of the COVID 19 virus.

*If the following intentions are said in a family or other small group you may wish to conclude each one with the response:*

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

**For those in authority:** may they offer advice with care and integrity, may they seek to protect the poor and vulnerable.

**For all who work in healthcare:** give strength to all who look after the sick so that they may bring comfort and relief to the suffering.

**For the Church:** may she offer prayers and consolation for all those affected.

**For our local community and all for those in need:** may those who are isolated know the support and service of their neighbours.

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father...

## Spiritual Communion

Prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen.

## Prayer

from the Mass on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,

may we walk eagerly in that same charity

with which, out of love for the world,

your Son handed himself over to death.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Conclusion

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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### COLLIER ROW FOODBANK

The Foodbank is staffed on Fridays 12.30 – 2.30 pm at the Church of The Ascension. During these difficult times, the need is as great as ever but the donations have dropped considerably. As our church is now locked, we do not have a collection point here. Should you wish to drop off donations at The Ascension on Fridays – they would be warmly received.

Long life milk / Jars of pasta sauce / Tinned veg (including tomatoes) / Tinned meat - hotdogs, pies, tinned stew/casserole/chilli, ham / Tinned fruit / Tinned rice pudding/custard  
Long life fruit juice (cartons) / Tomato ketchup / Jam / Nappies (sizes 4,5,6)