

Gospel: John 11:17-35

¹⁷ On His arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet Him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give You whatever You ask." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." ²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met Him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. ³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet and said, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" He asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept.

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Welcome & Prayer

*Opening Song - “Cornerstone”

*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

We praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Litany from St. Patrick

I arise today: through God's strength to pilot me,

God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,

God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,

God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,

God's shield to protect me, God's angels to save me,

I bind to myself the strong name of the Trinity,

By invocation of this Name, the three in one and one in three, by whom all nature has creation.

Praise to the Lord of my salvation!

*Prayer of the Day

Most holy and most loving God, by Your Spirit unclutter our hearts and minds, and enlarge within us an honored place for Christ. Expose our choices and activities that hinder Your work inside us. When discipleship proves costly, help us to embrace sacrifice as readily as we accept our many blessings. Amen

Song- “It Is Well With My Soul”

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 103:8-17

New Testament Lesson: John 11:1-16

Children’s Message

Song- “He Knows My Name”

Gospel: John 11:17-35

Sermon: “Trust Jesus’ Tears”

Song- “He Will Hold Me Fast ”

*Affirmation of Faith– The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing the Peace

*The Lord’s Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song - “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Please stand if you are able*

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 103:8-17

⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; ¹⁰ He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; ¹⁴ for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust. ¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. ¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children’s children.

New Testament Lesson: John 11:1-16

¹ Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one You love is sick.” ⁴ When He heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.” ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when He heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed where He was two more days, ⁷ and then He said to His disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” ⁸ “But Rabbi,” they said, “a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone You, and yet You are going back?” ⁹ Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.” ¹¹ After He had said this, He went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.” ¹² His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought He meant natural sleep. ¹⁴ So then He told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶ Then Thomas (also your known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”