

Facilitator Guide
5th Sunday of Lent
April 3rd, 2022

Gospel

Raising Lazarus from the dead

Jn 11

When you have completed Lectio Divina, transition to group sharing by providing copies of this week's readings as found on the webpage in facilitator resources. Ask each person to read through any one of the 1st reading, psalm or second reading. Invite each person to underline or anything that they have an emotional response to when they read it. Reread it now circle anything that they have an intellectual response to. Intellectual responses are thoughts, any mental process the mind begins in contrast to feelings that arise from the readings. There is no need for concern if they have no clear response. We're allow space for familiarity with private reading of scripture. Pray asking for the Holy Spirit to continue speaking to us throughout the week through what we have circled, underlined, or even through the silence.

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill our minds with your light.

Come, Holy Spirit,

fill our hearts with your joy.

Come, Holy Spirit,

strengthen our wills through your Spirit.

Above all, Holy Spirit, stay with us.

May be evermore convinced of God's love for us, in us and through us.

We pray this in the Name of God who is Love...Amen.

Watch this week's video.

Group Sharing Questions:

1. Mary and Martha are holding different postures at the start of this passage. Mary remained sitting at home and Martha went out to meet Jesus. What's your experience of making an act of faith whether it means either remaining still or going forward?
2. What do you think is the distinction between Martha's "I know he will rise" and "I have come to believe". What are some of your personal experiences of knowing and believing?
3. Can you identify areas in your life that need to 'die' in order to experience a resurrection? Throughout this week pray for this gift of resurrection in that area.