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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I**  
**10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II**

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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I**

**A PENITENTIAL ORDER**

***We Prepare Ourselves with Reflection and Confession***

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

*People* ***His mercy endureth forever.***

The Decalogue and Summary of the Law

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The Confession and Absolution

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Lord, have mercy upon us

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

***We Listen to God's Word***

The Collect for the Day and Readings from the Lectionary (*Readings may be found on the last page of the bulletin*)

The Sermon

The Reverend Everett Perine

***We Proclaim Our Belief***

The Nicene Creed

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***We Offer Prayers of Intercession, and Thanksgiving***

The Prayers of the People

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***We Are Reconciled to One Another through God's Love and Forgiveness***

The Peace

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

***We Offer Our Gifts to God***

*Bread and wine for our Eucharistic meal are brought to the altar on behalf of the gathered body.*

***We Proclaim Our Faith***

The Eucharistic Prayer I

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The Lord's Prayer

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***We Come Before God to Share Communion***

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

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O Lamb of God

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*The people come forward to receive the bread and the wine*

The Communion

***We Are Sent Out Into the World***

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Lenten Blessing: Holy eternal Majesty,  
Holy incarnate Word,  
Holy abiding Spirit,  
Bless you for evermore. ***Amen.***

The Dismissal Let us bless the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Prelude:**

**A PENITENTIAL ORDER**

*We Prepare Ourselves with Reflection and Confession*

**Opening Hymn #455 “O Love of God, how strong, how true”**

*Dunedin*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

*People* ***His mercy endures forever.***

The Decalogue and Summary of the Law

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The Confession and Absolution

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**Kyrie: S-86 “Kyrie”**

*Hurd*

*The words "Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison" (meaning "Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy") come from the Greek liturgy and harken back to the earliest Christian liturgies which were celebrated in the Greek language.*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*We Listen to God’s Word*

The Collect for the Day

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Readings from the Lectionary (*Readings may be found on the last page of the bulletin*)

The Sermon

The Reverend Everett Perine

*We Proclaim Our Belief*

The Nicene Creed

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*We Offer Prayers of Intercession, and Thanksgiving*

The Prayers of the People Form IV

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*We Are Reconciled to One Another through God’s Love and Forgiveness*

The Peace

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### *We Offer Our Gifts to God*

#### **Offertory Hymn #411 “O bless the Lord, my soul”**

**St. Thomas (Williams)**

*Bread and wine for our Eucharistic meal are brought to the altar on behalf of the gathered body.*

*The ushers collect the offering of gifts and present them at the altar as an offering to God*

### *We Proclaim Our Faith*

The Eucharistic Prayer A

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**The Sanctus: #S-129 “Holy, holy, holy Lord”**

**Powell**

The Lord’s Prayer

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### *We Come Before God to Share Communion*

The Breaking of the Bread: **“Jesus, remember me”** (*Sung 3 times*)

**Taize**

Jesus Remember Me  
Ostinato Refrain

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.  
Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

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The Invitation to Communion (*The people come forward to receive the bread and the wine*)

The Communion

The Communion Anthem:

### *We Are Sent Out Into the World*

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Lenten Blessing: Holy eternal Majesty,  
Holy incarnate Word,  
Holy abiding Spirit,  
Bless you for evermore. **Amen.**

#### **Closing Hymn #512 “Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove”**

**Mendon**

The Dismissal

*Let us bless the Lord.*

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude:**

*During Lent, a Service for Healing will follow the conclusion of the Holy Eucharist.  
After the dismissal, anyone who wishes to participate in this service is invited to gather at the altar rail  
for a time of silent prayer and meditation.*

## A SERVICE FOR HEALING

### *A Word about the Ministry of Healing*

*The ministry of healing is part of the sacramental life of the Episcopal Church and all people, whether baptized or not, are welcome to come and receive this sacrament.*

*This sacrament emerges from our belief that the love of God through the presence of the Holy Spirit has the power to heal our emotional, physical and spiritual suffering.*

*Although we may ask for a specific healing, we realize that it is God who decides how this healing is to occur. Healing may come to us in the form of physical recovery, emotional well-being or spiritual wholeness.*

***The power of the healing service lies not with our expectation of results, but rather with our desire to allow the Spirit of God who dwells within us to transform our lives and help us to accept the healing power of God's love.***

*Celebrant* O God, be in our hearts and on our lips as we come before you seeking your healing love.

*Silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Friends in Christ, if you wish to seek prayer, for yourself on behalf of someone or for a crisis in the world, I invite you to receive the laying on of hands. Jesus says, "Come to me all who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, we who are burdened by regrets and anxieties, we who are broken in body or in spirit, we who feel deeply within ourselves the divisions and injustices of our world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring him our brokenness.

*Those who wish for laying-on of hands and anointing for healing may come forward.  
When all have received the sacrament of healing, the celebrant continues.*

*Celebrant* God of compassion and love,  
*People* **We offer you all of our suffering and pain. Give us strength to bear our weakness, healing even when there is no cure, peace in the midst of turmoil and love to fill the spaces of our lives. Glory to God, from whom all love flows; glory to Jesus, who showed his love through suffering; and glory to the Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places. Amen.**

*Celebrant* God love you and have mercy on you; through the cross of Christ, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God forgives you. Forgive others. Forgive yourself. In the name of the Lover of Souls, the Beloved, and the Love that exists between them, may the peace of God be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Go in peace, giving thanks for the healing power of God's love.

**Wednesday Evening Lenten Service:** If you are looking to find some quiet time or time devoted to a simple Lenten discipline, please consider joining us during Lent for our Wednesday evening service. It begins at 7 p.m. with the Way of the Cross - a prayerful procession around the church, stopping at various "stations at crosses" to reflect on aspects of Jesus walk to the cross, death and burial. This is followed by our normal evening Communion service which includes a service of laying-on of hands and anointing with oil for healing. Periods of silence will be maintained throughout the service for those wishing to make "Being Silent with God" part of their Lenten discipline (please see last page of bulletin).

Feel free to contact Father Perry for more information.

## **PARISH FAMILY REMEMBRANCES AND THANKSGIVINGS ~ APRIL 2, 2017**

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by the O'Shea Family in loving memory of Jean Baldwin.*

**We pray for our clergy:** Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; and Perry our Priest;

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer** we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Candace O'Shea (4/6), Barbara LaMay (4/5), Kelly Celio (4/3), Sophia Kokofski (4/7).

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; St. Michael's, Litchfield; ECCT Joint Leadership members of the Mission Council, Missionary Society, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, and Donations & Bequests

### **Current Prayer List**

**Prayers added the week of April 2:** Barbara; Bill Cauley; Mike, Tom; Briant Marsh; Sienna Roper; Jim & Marilyn Kew, Phil, Toni; Stephanie; Irene; Victoria, Paulette Likoudis, Bill, Walter, Melissa, Maidey, Jane, Jim & Bernie, Anna C.; John & the Romero family; Kelly; Tiffany Nicole, Chris; John & Sue; Lauren, Jeni, Kile, Lianie, Dana; Gina; Eva & Bill; The Gentino Family; Justin, Stephanie; Grace; Peter, the Kell family; Janet Kay; Sam Downey;

**Prayers added the week of March 26:** Jeremy, Gareth Bromell, Liz, John, Kathleen, Bill & June, Wendy, Sienna Roper; Phil Patros; Dianne Sayers; Jennifer, Frank Tomlinson; Derek, Nicky and Jackie, Cheryl F., Matt; Jules Bessette; Ruth Wilson, Diane; Joe, Cee-Cee; Dorothy; Dick Sage, Kathy; Julia, Dave; a Dear Friend; Emil & Annie; Ms. Kamins; Barbara Potterton; Louis Schluntz;

**Prayers added the week of March 19:** Gloria Duval and family; Edward Murray, Susie, Henry Jones, Sam Docker, Michael Docker, Nicole, Janet Kay, Brian, Taylor Benson and Brian Benson, Kara Perriolat, The Caprara Family; Dianne Sayers, Mark and Linda Sayers Reynolds; Dawn; Christina; Sandra Hastings; The MacDonough Family; Rod & Janice Lambeth; Charles; The Conrad families, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Louis Domingue, Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Flo Columbe, Carolyn Asmuth, Caitlin Stevens, Richard MacRobbie, Janice Griffiths, Connie Rich, Mike Duval, Dianne Sayers, Donna Doyker and Marissa Garcia; Aly, Steffi; Susan; Elizabeth, Kim, Andrée, Dianna Tedesco; the Bossi and Liska families, Barbara and Family; Maidey and Ken, Everette; Jeanne, Sam; Helen and Family; Karen Emmons;

**We pray for all caregivers** who selflessly give of themselves to care for loved-ones;

**We pray for all people suffering hunger, fear & displacement** due to war and natural disaster;

**We pray for all with financial problems;** those who have lost their jobs and homes; for the well-being of our families during life's changes; all who have suffered trauma; those who are ill, lonely or grieving; our veterans; all who travel; all those suffering with cancer; anyone who is hospitalized or disabled; those affected by natural disasters; and all abused, neglected and missing children.

**We pray for law enforcement officers.**

**We pray for healing and peace.**

**We pray for our whole nation:** for peace, non-violence, and healing

**We pray for our service men and women** throughout the world.

**We pray for all who have died,** remembering especially Jean Baldwin

**We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives and the joy we experience in our relationship with God.**

## Stewardship Corner

Our Vision: "Welcoming all. Serving our Community. Connecting with Others"

### "Serving our Community" Locally and throughout the World

#### **Chocolate Bars Become Gifts for Life!**

Our church school children have chosen to support those in need around the globe through the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund's "Gifts for Life" program. Specifically, they chose three items to raise funds for - chickens, clean water, and fruit trees that will be distributed among people in need throughout the world. The children will be selling chocolate bars at coffee hour after church throughout Lent (so no giving up chocolate this year). The cost is \$2 per bar, or 3 bars for \$5. Please consider giving the gift of life by supporting their fundraiser.

**Hurry! They are almost gone!!!**

- **The Food donations in April are designated for the Andover Food pantry.**
- **We are also always accepting clothing, magazines (cut off the address label, please), kitchen utensils and items for personal hygiene for the Brooklyn Bridge project which helps men recently released from prison to re-enter society.**

### Parish News

#### **Easter Flower signup - *Altar Flowers for Easter***



There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for the purchase of Easter Flowers to be used to decorate the church on Easter morning as Memorials or Thanksgivings for special blessings, please write your information clearly on the sign-up form so it can be put in the Easter flower booklet with no mistakes. Lilies, tulips, daffodils, hydrangeas and pansies will all be available, as usual. Checks should be made out to St. Peters Church, and put in the envelope in church or given to Claire in the office (not placed in the offertory box, please). If you have any questions, please contact the office or speak with Marcia or Chuck Eaton.

**Monday...April 17th 6:30 p.m. Women's Group** – Robin Kenefick (art project at Phelps Hall) We will be painting two tiles with alcohol ink. A fee of \$10 for the art supplies and you go home with your own individualized artwork. Contact Robin at [rubyduby601k@aol.com](mailto:rubyduby601k@aol.com) or 860-966-3596 call (text or call)

**SAVE THE DATE!** **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** will be a 'Youth Sunday' celebration at the 10 a.m. service, including the annual church school **Easter Pageant**, featuring special music sung by the church school children under the direction of Rodican Rose Bonn. That afternoon we will have a **celebration of St. Peter's and Father Perry's retirement** in Phelps Hall. More details to follow soon.

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)**, an ecumenical fun-filled week for children (ages K-6), will be held at Gilead Congregational Church from July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to 12:30. Our theme this year is "Hero Central: Discovering your Strength in God". The mascot is Flame the Red Panda. Super Hero costumes, songs, arts and crafts, fun decorations, snacks, and another great missions project are on tap for this year.

### Around the Diocese

#### **THINK SUMMER!**

**Camp Washington has issued its brochures for summer youth camp.  
They are on the table at the back of the church.**

## **LENT MOVES AHEAD TOWARD HOLY WEEK!**

For more information about the services at St. Peter's during Lent please visit our website at [www.stpetershebron.com](http://www.stpetershebron.com) or check out the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

**Sundays in Lent at 8 and 10:** Holy Eucharist beginning with the Penitential Rite. A Healing Service will be offered after each Eucharist for those who desire prayers for healing.

**Wednesday evenings in Lent:** Services start at 7 p.m. in the church with the "Way of the Cross" (an Episcopal version of the "Stations of the Cross") to be followed by our regular Communion service with healing liturgy.

### **Holy Week services:**

**April 9 @ 8 & 10: Liturgy of the Palms followed by a Eucharist celebration commemorating the Sunday of the Passion with a reading of the Passion Gospel in parts**

**April 10 & 11: No services - the Church will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for private devotion**

**April 12 @ 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae**

**April 13 @ 6:30 p.m. Agape Meal with Foot/Hand-Washing Liturgy**

**@ 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Stripping of the Altar**

**April 13 @ 9 p.m. thru April 14 @ 12 noon: Join us as St. Peter's reads through the Gospels**

**April 14 @ 12 noon & 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy with a reading of St. John's Passion**

**April 15 @ 7:30 p.m. the Great Vigil of Easter with Confirmation at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford**

### **Something new this year!**

**We have added something special to our Holy Week offerings.** Following the Maundy Thursday Liturgy we are providing an opportunity for families and individual parishioners of St. Peter's to help us read through the Gospels which recount the life of Jesus from the various perspectives of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Vigil begins at 9 pm on Thursday evening and continues through 12 noon on Friday. *More details and sign up are available on the bulletin board in Phelps Hall or at [www.stpetershebron.com/bible2017](http://www.stpetershebron.com/bible2017).*

### **Some thoughts to guide us through Lent!**

Our Gospel reading today recalls the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountaintop. When the moment is over, Jesus comes off the mountaintop and heads toward Jerusalem where he will enter in glory (Palm Sunday) before being arrested, tried and crucified (The Passion). He does not make the journey alone for he invites his disciple to join him, saying in effect, "Come walk with me." Accordingly, Jesus invites us to join him this Lent, following him on the path that leads to Jerusalem and the cross. That begs the question, "What does it mean to 'Walk with Jesus'?"

Here are some thoughts about practical ways we can walk with Jesus:

- **Spend time in prayer** (carve out a few moments each today be in prayer)
- **Join in worship** (Join us on Sundays for Eucharist followed by a Healing Service for interested parishioners. Join us on Wednesday evenings for Walking the Way of the Cross followed by a Healing Service and Communion.)
- **Simplify our lives** (Have simple meals and reduce "frivolous" spending)
- **Reassess our use of our resources** (Take inventory on what you spend your money on - and what you neglect)
- **Use our time and material resources to help others** (Consider volunteering for one of our fundraisers or local support agencies; increase your pledging to St. Peter's; donate food and personal items to our monthly ingathering; reconnect with people who have been an important part of your life and thank them; take time to listen to others and, when appropriate, offer them your support)
- **Maybe you have some ideas you would like to share! Consider submitting them to Sue Ostrout for inclusion in the Vision or pass them on to the office, to one of the wardens or to Father Perry!**

**APRIL/MAY**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>April 2</b> <b>5<sup>h</sup> Sunday Lent</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b> <b>10 a.m. Church</b> <b>School</b>	<b>April 3</b>  Wardens' Meeting 9:15 am	<b>April 4</b>  Choir practice 6:30 pm	<b>April 5</b>  <b>Way of the Cross</b> <b>with Communion</b> <b>&amp; Healing Service</b> <b>7 pm</b>  Buildings and Grounds 7 pm	<b>April 6</b>	<b>April 7</b>  Fr. Perry Day off	<b>April 8</b>
<b>April 9</b> <b>PALM</b> <b>(PASSION)</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>April 10</b>  Wardens' Meeting 9:15 am  Church open 7 to 9 pm for devotion	<b>April 11</b>  Choir practice 6:30 pm  Church open 7 to 9 pm for devotion	<b>April 12</b>  <b>Tenebrae 7:30 pm</b>	<b>April 13</b>  <b>Agape Meal &amp;</b> <b>Foot-washing</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>  <b>Maundy</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>Liturgy 7:30 pm</b>  <b>Prayer Vigil</b>	<b>April 14</b>  <b>Prayer Vigil</b> <b>continues</b>  <b>Good</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>Liturgy</b> <b>12 noon &amp;</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>April 15</b>  <b>The Great</b> <b>Vigil of</b> <b>Easter with</b> <b>Confirmation</b> <b>@ Christ</b> <b>Church</b> <b>Cathedral in</b> <b>Hartford</b>
<b>April 16</b> <b>EASTER</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Sunrise Service</b> <b>6:00 a.m.</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>April 17</b>  Wardens' Meeting 9:15 am	<b>April 18</b>  Choir practice 6:30 pm	<b>April 19</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist &amp;</b> <b>Healing Service</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>April 20</b>  <b>Nursing Home</b> <b>visits</b>  7 pm Vestry	<b>April 21</b>  Fr. Perry Day off	<b>April 22</b>  <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Albert</b> <b>funeral</b>  Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner
<b>April 23</b> <b>EASTER 2</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b> <b>Youth Sunday</b> <b>with Easter</b> <b>Pageant at 10;</b> <b>Brunch</b> <b>celebrating Fr.</b> <b>Perry's ministry</b>  G. Scouts (KS)	<b>April 24</b>  Wardens' Meeting 9:15 am	<b>April 25</b>  Choir practice 6:30 pm  Boy Scouts 7 pm	<b>April 26</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist &amp;</b> <b>Healing Service</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>April 28</b>  Fr. Perry Day off	<b>April 29</b>
<b>April 30</b> <b>EASTER 3</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>8 &amp; 10</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>May 2</b>  Choir practice 6:30 pm	<b>May 3</b>  <b>Confirmation:</b> <b>Trinity Episcopal,</b> <b>Brooklyn, CT</b>  <b>Buildings and</b> <b>Grounds 7 pm</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>&amp; Healing Service</b> <b>7 pm</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>May 6</b>



## **The Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent**

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Old Testament Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

### **The Epistle: Romans 8:6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### **The Gospel: John 11:1-45**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt 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 came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus

began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.