



**5th Sunday of LENT 26 march 2023 –  
Cycle A  
GO OUT**



**KEEP WALKING**

**SETTING**

Jerusalem in sight, and closer, make way with you for and with your people.

Friends are still without being present. Jesus arrives, makes himself present in the concrete friendship, in Bethany, in the house. Go back to Judea and be with them, Marta and Maria, cry together, express feelings. Walking openly, accompanied safely by the radiant light in the new day.

Lazarus comes out! The Spirit acts, in those who continue to trust.

Everything makes sense, it fits together, in each situation God is, in each one of us. In the apparent silence, the presence floods everything. Do you think?

"I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he has died, will live."

If you believe, you live. I believe in you Lord.

**SONG. Healer heal me – Synthia Helena**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZLcHEnsqF0>

## **GOSPEL – John 11, 3-7.17.20-27.34-45 (Short reading)**

At that time Martha and Mary, the two sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus: "Lord, the one whom you love is sick". When Jesus heard it, he said: "This disease will not end in death, but is for the glory of God, and the Son of Man will be glorified by it." Jesus loved Martha, her sister and Lazarus very much. However, when he found out that Lazarus was sick, he stayed two more days in the place where he was. Only later he said to his disciples: "Let's go back to Judea again." When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. As soon as Martha knew that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus: "If you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even so, I know that you can ask God for anything, and God will grant it to you. Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha replied: "I already know that he will be raised at the resurrection of the dead, on the last day." Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection (and the life). He, who believes in me, even if he dies, will live. The one who lives, the one who believes in me, will not die forever. Do you believe this?" She answered: "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, and the one who had to come into the world". When Jesus saw the weeping of Mary and all the Jews who were with her, his spirit was deeply moved and troubled. And he asked: "Where have they put him?" They answered him: "Lord, come and see." And Jesus wept. The Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some said: "If he could open the eyes of the blind man, could he not have done something so that he did not die?" Jesus, moved inside himself again, approached the tomb. It was a cave closed with a stone. Jesus ordered: "Remove the stone." four days ". Jesus answered her, " Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" And they rolled away the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and exclaimed: "I thank you, Father that you have listened to me. I knew that you always listen to me; but I have said it for these people, so that they may believe that you have sent me." Saying this, he cried out in a loud voice: "Lazarus, come out!" And the dead man came out. His hands and feet were bound with bandages and his head was covered with a veil. Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him walk." Many Jews who had gone to Mary's house believed in Jesus when they saw what he had done".

### **We deepen in the Gospel**

We are in the habit of enunciating this passage of the Gospel as "the resurrection of Lazarus", but, let us be logical; this is not the appropriate

title for the story. When we proclaim "I believe in the resurrection of the dead and in eternal life", it is about another reality. The death of Lazarus was not, so to speak, more than a parenthesis in his earthly life and, after the miracle of Jesus, his life resumed its normal rhythm. This being the case, we can ask ourselves the reason for this miracle. Saint John answers our question and tells us that this miracle is a very important sign: In this circumstance, Jesus has manifested himself as the one in whom we have endless life and in whom we can believe, that is, someone to whom we can entrust our lives. In fact, the Priests and the Pharisees were not wrong; according to Saint John, many believed in Jesus after the resurrection of Lazarus and, for this reason, the authorities decided to put him to death.

Let us return to the story of the "awakening of Lazarus" two observations:

**First observation:** For Jesus the only thing that counts is the glory of God. But to see the glory of God, one must believe ("If you believe, you will see the glory of God," he tells Marta"). From the beginning of the story, after announcing to Jesus "Lord, the one you love is sick", Jesus answers his disciples: "this illness will not end in death, but is for the glory of God", that is, for reveal the mystery of God. This does not mean that the manifestation of the glory of God is a reward for the well-intentioned or the good believers, but rather that, when we are not in an attitude of faith, everything happens as if we let our eyes darken with suspicion and suspicion. Distrust. It is as if we were not able to see the light. However, faith opens our eyes, tears the bandage of distrust that we had put on them.

**Second observation:** Faith in the Resurrection surpasses the last stage there because it was not clearly affirmed until the second century before Jesus Christ, and even at the time of Jesus, the whole world did not admit it. Martha and Mary are part of the people who believed in the resurrection, but it is still about the resurrection of the last day. For this reason, when Jesus tells Martha "Your brother will rise again", Martha responds: "I already know that he will rise again on the last day". And Jesus rectifies and speaks in the present: "I am the resurrection and the life... He who lives and believes in me will never die... He who believes in me, even if he dies, will live." Listening to him speak, one gets the impression that the Resurrection is for right now. "I am the resurrection and the life": this means that death, in the sense of separation from God, no longer exists, it has been defeated in the Resurrection of Christ. With Paul believers can say: "Death, where is your victory?" No, from now on, nothing will separate us from the love of Christ, not even death.

### **Clues for Prayer**

- Where do you experience that you are asleep? The society in which you live, where do we need to wake up?

- What life do you find in Jesus Christ? What life does Christ offer the reality that surrounds you?
- What resurrection can we offer to those around us, based on that experience?

## **AMBIENTAL MUSIC. PRAYER 2 – JAMI SIEBER**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AX0dPitZwAM>

### **WALK IN IN THE LIGHT**

The house, the recuperative space.

The friends that are Sympathetic friend.

Share our pain

Loss, absence

Recover full life.

Go outside, find yourselves.

Walk in the light

Make way,

Go back there.

Being with those who suffer

Share your pain

Savour the moment

Remember what you lived

Friendship does not forget.

They are, because they were

And they will continue to be.

Walk in the light

Show the eternal,

Hold on to life,

That being

It is in the eternal.

Walk in the light

And restore meaning

Of lives that were found,

In those solid spaces;

Of tenderness and lived

gestures,

In soft, kind moments.

Walk in the light

In the concrete and abstract,

In the day and in the night,

In the word and in the silence,

In the safe environment

And the one who grows in it,

In the look and the gesture,

In the step and the way.

Walk in the light

Being an expression of that day,

In which we went,

We are and we will be.

Walking in the light of Life.

Believe in you.

### **SONG: I am the resurrection – Ed Jansen**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijtZaUHn\\_M0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijtZaUHn_M0)



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