

# Our theme this week is:

# Hope of Life



## Peace be with you And with your spirit



We light our candle to remind us of Christ's presence with us as we gather + In the name of the Father ...

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Today we hear about an amazing thing that Jesus does when his friend Lazarus becomes sick and dies. Let's think a bit more about this today.



# **Opening Prayer**

God of light and power, we give thanks to you for the gift of life. Help us to do what we can so all people throughout the world can enjoy this gift.

### Amen.

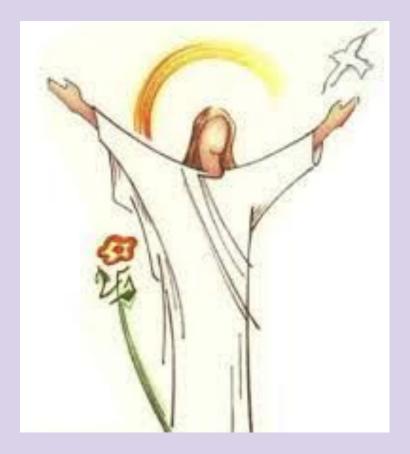
Lord Jesus, you ask us to be humble. For the times we have been boastful, Lord have mercy. LORD HAVE MERCY

Lord Jesus, you teach us to look after our world and to care for those in need. For the times we have walked past and not helped others, Christ have mercy. CHRIST HAVE MERCY

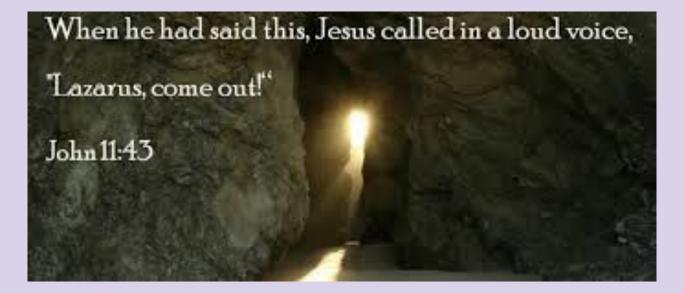
Lord Jesus, you have blessed us with many gifts. For the times we have not been thankful for all we have, Lord, have mercy. LORD HAVE MERCY



# Praise to you O Christ, king of eternal glory.



#### A reading from the Gospel according to John: *Glory to you O Lord*



Gospel: John 11: 1-45

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

# Time to reflect on God's words for us today.



What do you remember from the reading you have just heard? Jesus hears that his friend Lazarus who lives in Bethany is sick. By the time Jesus gets there Lazarus is dead and has been buried for four days.

Jesus goes to the tomb and asks them to roll away the stone which was blocking the entrance. He tells Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus walks out, covered in the cloths that he was buried in.

How do you think Mary, Martha and the other people there feel when they see Lazarus walking out of the tomb? Why do you think Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead?

- Unfortunately sometimes, just like Lazarus in today's gospel, people do get sick. When this happens they go to the hospital where doctors and nurses work hard to care for them and try to make them better.
- It can be very sad and worrying when someone we love is sick or dies. Jesus knows how we feel. He cried for his friend Lazarus, who he loved.

Some people find it hard to stay healthy because they do not have enough food to eat. Or clean water to drink.

God gives life to us all. God created us and wants every single one of us to live a happy life, with all the things that we need to grow and be the best people we can be.

Jesus came to show us how to live, how to treat others. This Lent we can look at our own lives and think about the changes that we can make so that everyone can live their lives to the full.

#### **Bidding Prayers**

We ask God to help us as we pray together...

We pray for world leaders, that the Holy Spirit may inspire them to do all that they can so that all people can live life to the full. Lord, in your mercy... Hear Our Prayer

We pray for all people who are sick throughout the world: that they may get the care and help that they need and find strength in the love of those around them. Lord, in your mercy...

#### **Hear Our Prayer**

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that Jesus may bring hope to all as we try to make a change and help other members of our global family. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear Our Prayer** 



In the quiet of our hearts let's say our own prayer to God. We ask you Mother Mary to pray with us as we say:

# Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen

# **Closing Prayer**

Loving God, show us how to reach out with love and hope to others around the world, and to help them as they work to build a better life. Amen.

## Amen.

#### **Our Faith in Action**



This week let us show the Gospel Value of Péace and the Virtue of Hope.

We can show peace by:

- Resolving disagreements in a calm, mature way ensuring that everyone is happy.
- Moving around the school quietly and sensibly, especially when others are learning.

We can show hope by:

- Believing in ourselves and our ability to be brilliant.
- Always trusting in God.

May God bless us with his mercy, strengthen us with his love, and enable us to walk with courage, hope and faith in ourselves and you. **THANKS BE TO GOD** 

