

Readings at Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 37.12-14

A reading from the Prophet, Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live; and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, *declares the Lord.*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 130(129). 1-2, 3-4, 5-6B, 6C-8; R. v. 7BC

**R. With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the sound of my pleadings. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
that you may be revered. **R.**

I long for you, O Lord;
my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the Lord,
more than watchman for daybreak. **R.**

More than watchman for daybreak,
let Israel hope for the Lord.
For with the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities. **R.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8.8-11

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact 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, although 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 Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**R. Praise to you, O Christ, King of
eternal glory!**

**Wherefore God raised him, giving Christ
a name, more glor-i-ous than any other
name. R.**

GOSPEL

JOHN 9.1-41

'I am the resurrection and the life'

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**