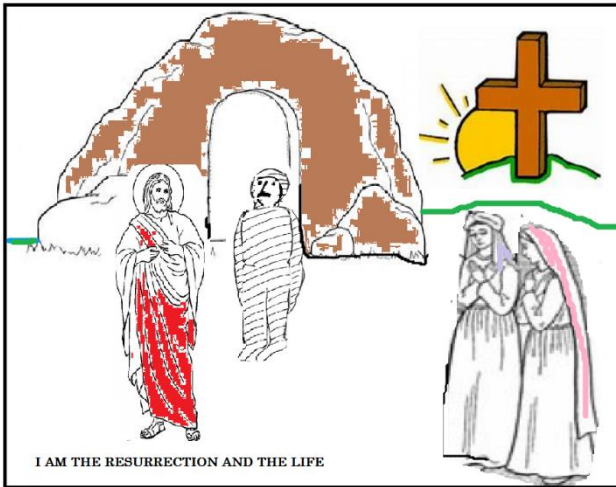


'I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE'

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ACTIVITY MARCH 29TH , 2020



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

VERSES OF THE WEEK

"I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies,
will live, and everyone who lives and
believes in me will never die."

- John 11:25

Gospel: John 11:17-45

In the gospel today, we see Jesus giving life to Lazarus, who lost his life due to illness. Jesus loved the family of Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary. They lived in town of Bethany and Jesus used to visit them often. It was this Lazarus who became ill and lost his life.

Jesus reached Bethany four days after Lazarus was buried in the tomb. We see Jesus meeting Martha who came running to him and cried that if Jesus was there, she would not have lost her brother. Jesus assures her that her brother will rise again. When Martha says that she knew that he would rise again the last day, Jesus reveals to her that 'I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live'. Martha proclaims her faith saying 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the son of God'

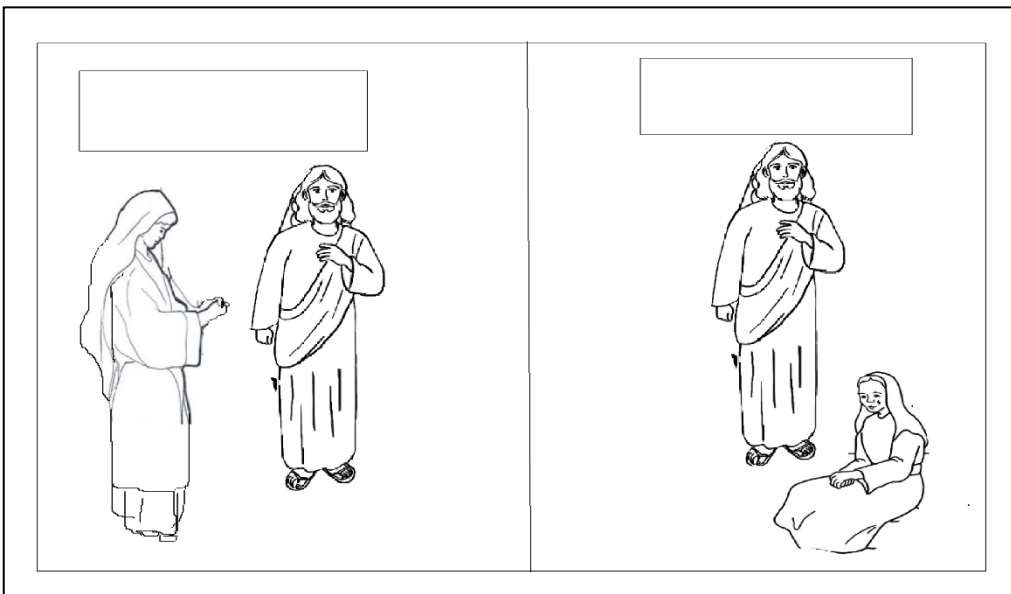
Mary too came running to Jesus and knelt at his feet and wept. When Jesus saw them weeping, he too wept.

On reaching the tomb, Jesus asked the people to 'take away the stone'. But Martha said that it will be stinky as it was four days since he was buried. Jesus responded to her encouraging her to hold on to the faith saying, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God'.

So, they took the stone away. Jesus prayed thanking Heavenly Father for hearing his prayer 'I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the people around me so that they may believe that you sent me'. Then Jesus with a loud voice called 'Lazarus come out!'. He came out with his body bound in clothes. Jesus said to them to 'Unbind him and let him go'

Let us invite Jesus into our lives and to the live to all we pray, to all the lifeless and hopeless situations. . Let us proclaim our faith in Jesus. 'Jesus is the resurrection and the life and whoever believes in Jesus even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

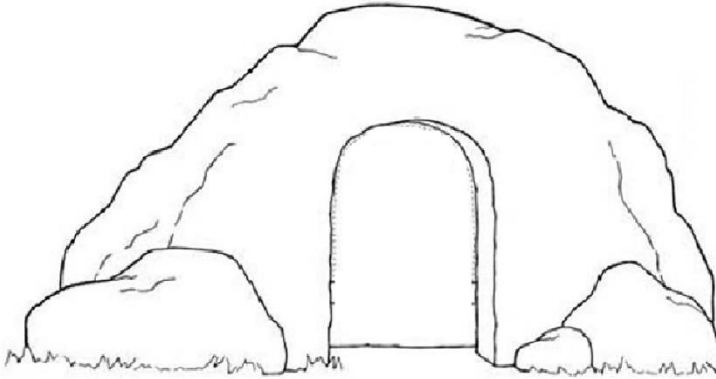
Lord Jesus you raised us from the graves of sin and have put your spirit in us that we may live. Yes, if Christ is in us, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. He will give life to our mortal bodies through his Spirit dwelling in us. Lord of mercy and redemption help us to seek your grace always. Amen.



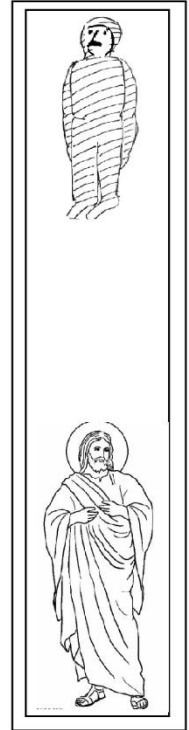
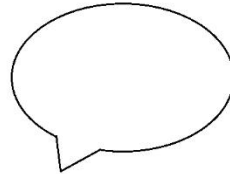
LAZARUS'S SISTERS
CAN YOU IDENTIFY LAZARUS'S
SISTERS?

'LAZARUS TOMB':

CUT OUT THE TEMPLATES BELOW. INSERT THE RECTANGULAR BAND THROUGH THE SLIT MADE BELOW THE TOMB AND SLID IT. YOU CAN SEE; AS JESUS REACHES THE TOMB, LAZARUS COMES OUT. CAN YOU FILL IN THE BUBBLE WHAT JESUS CALLED OUT?



MAKE A SLIT ALONG THIS BOX INSERT THE BAND THROUGH IT



CUT ALONG THIS LINE, INSERT IT THROUGH THE SLIT, BELOW THE TOMB.

CAN YOU COMPLETE THE VERSES?

*if ----- is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the ----- is alive because of righteousness." (Romans 8:10)

* "I am the ----- and the ----; whoever believes in me, even if he -----, will -----" (John 11:25)

* "if you -----you will see the -----of God"(John 11:40)

LET US PRAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

LORD JESUS CHRIST,
SON OF THE FATHER,
SEND NOW YOUR SPIRIT
OVER THE EARTH.
LET THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVE
IN THE HEARTS OF ALL
NATIONS,
THAT THEY MAY BE
PRESERVED
FROM DEGENERATION,
DISASTER AND WAR.
MAY THE LADY OF ALL
NATIONS,
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
BE OUR ADVOCATE.
AMEN.



**When you
send forth
your SPIRIT,
they are
created; and
you renew
the face of
the EARTH
- Psalms 104:30**