

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Sunday March 26, 2023  
OLMC Ridgewood, NJ



**Tree of Life**  
Marty Haugen

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,  
In your death we are reborn,  
Though you die in all of history,  
Still you rise with every morn,  
Still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
May we see ourselves in you,  
If we learn to live your story  
We may die to rise anew,  
We may die to rise anew.

**The Confiteor**

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
**(And, striking their breast, they say)**  
*through my fault,*  
*through my fault,*  
*through my most grievous fault;*  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

*May almighty God have mercy on us*  
*Forgive us our sins,*  
*An bring us to everlasting life*  
**Amen**

**Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.**

**I Reading**

Ezekiel 37:12-14

**Responsorial Psalm** 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**With the Lord There Is Mercy  
and Fullness of Redemption**

**II Reading**

Romans 8:8-11

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.  
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**Gospel**

John 11:1-45

**Homily**

**The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow up to and including "the Virgin Mary," all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

**Universal Prayer**

We Pray to the Lord  
**Lord Hear Our Prayer**

**Deep Within**

David Haas

**Refrain:**

**Deep within, I will plant my law,  
not on stone, but in your heart.  
Follow me; I will bring you back.  
You will be my own,  
and I will be your God.**

**Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory  
Hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest

**Memorial Acclamation**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim  
your Death, O Lord until you come again, until you come  
again.

## Great Amen

Amen, amen, amen  
Amen, amen, amen

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world  
Have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world  
Grant us peace

## Supper of the Lamb

Dan Schutte

### Refrain

**Blest are those invited to the Supper of the Lamb.**

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Beyond the Days

Ricky Manalo, CSP

### Refrain

**Beyond the days of hope and myst'ry  
we see a light of faith renewed,  
and in our longing we thirst for guidance  
to walk with you day by day.**

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## Today's Readings

### 1. Ezekiel 37: 12-14

For much of his book, the prophet Ezekiel foretells doom for Israel and Jerusalem, because of their sinfulness. Failing to trust God and, instead, turning to Egypt, the very nation from which God had delivered them, Israel collapsed. Now late in his book, Ezekiel offers a word of hope. Like dead bones in the grave (similar to the image of the dry bones coming back to life that the prophet had already used), Israel will be brought back to life by God's power He will put His spirit into their hearts, returning them to the land He promised them, for He is their faithful God.

### 2. Romans 8: 8-11

For Paul, one of the key elements of being transformed by the Gospel is the willingness of the hearer to be open to the Spirit who guides and frees the hearer to follow. Those who thus live by this Spirit cast aside the things of the flesh, self-centeredness, self-indulgence and sin. Those who choose the latter open themselves to death. Those the human body will die, those who choose the former are destined for a glorious resurrection.

### 3. John 11: 1-45

The last and greatest of the seven signs presented by the Johannine author, the raising of Lazarus concretizes the words of Jesus in the previous chapter when He says He has the power over life and death, both His own and the life and death of others. Because of this, He is, as He tells Martha "the resurrection and the life." Not only will He bring life again in the future, He brings eternal life in the present. Faith in Jesus liberates the believer in the present ("untie him and let him go free"). Those who enjoy this experience know themselves to be blessed already and are true and faithful to the One whose death has made it possible.

## Reflections for the Week

1. The raising of Lazarus is a sign of the resurrection. What signs of eternal life do you see?
2. What do you really believe about death?
3. If you say you believe in the resurrection of the dead, what does that mean in the way your life in the here and now?

## Readings for Today's Mass

