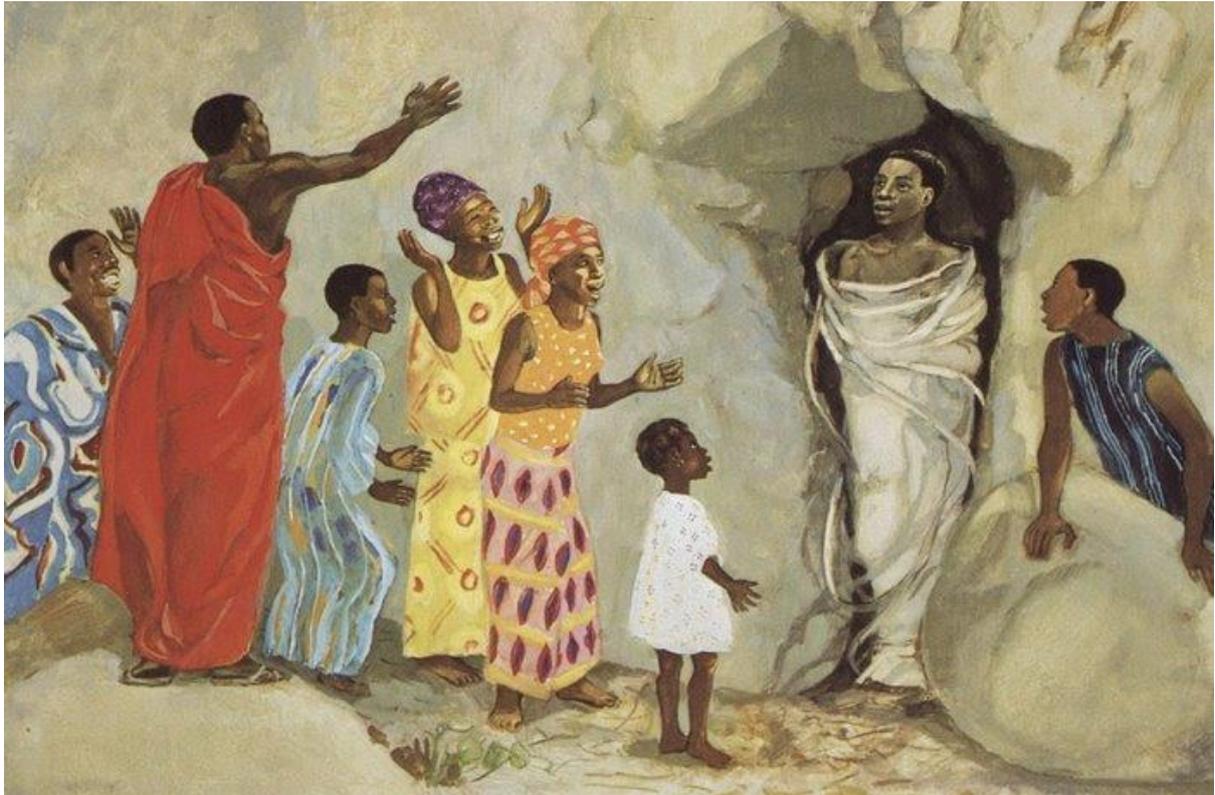


A thought for Lent 5



Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

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Readings for today

Ezekiel 37. 1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8. 6-11

John 11. 1-45

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
Lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A thought on Johns Gospel, chapter 11

A question which might be on our minds at this moment in time: 'Where is God?'
And it's one of those questions which is difficult to answer.

So I wonder do we need to look at it differently...

When life is good, when we have all that we want, when our health is strong,
I wonder, do we at those times, ask the question 'Where is God?'
Perhaps the answer might be, 'Not often'.
And I guess, when things in life are going well, then maybe we feel that we don't
need God as much.

But to answer the question 'Where is God', we also need to ask, 'Where is Jesus?'

In the light of the Gospel reading, we find him in Bethany, crying at the death of his
friend Lazarus.

If we were to read John chapter 2 and ask, 'Where is God?', 'Where is Jesus', there
you would find him creating wine at a wedding.

To see Jesus is of course to see God.

God is there, at the wedding and at the funeral,
He is in our good days and our bad days.

Why?

Well as we enter this Passiontide, we know that we worship the God of Good Friday
and the God of Easter Sunday.

He is the God of the extraordinary moments of our lives and he is in the dull and
mundane.

He is the God who laughs with us and hold us when the tears fall. He is there in our
dark moments and there in the light.

So as we ponder on our readings for today, may we also ponder on where God is in
our lives at this incredibly challenging time?

Keep well and know that I am praying for you all.

Blessings & love
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