



Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

.....
to Mass today.

Jesus Raises Lazarus

Fifth Sunday of Lent. Year A.

Do you ever cry? Of course you do! We all do – even grownups. Sometimes I cry when I am feeling extra cross, or frustrated about something. Sometimes I cry when I am scared or worried. Other times I cry when something really sad has happened – and in those situations, I am usually with friends and family, and we cry together and comfort each other during that particularly difficult time. And sometimes I cry because I am very, very happy!

Did you know that Jesus cried too? In the Bible we hear how Jesus cried when he prayed for others (Hebrews 5:7), or when he saw people who were missing out on what God wanted for them (Luke 19:41-42). In today's Gospel, we hear how Jesus cried when some of his friends were hurting.

Jesus had a friend named Lazarus who became very sick. His sisters, Mary and Martha, sent word to Jesus and asked him to come and heal Lazarus, but when Jesus arrived, Lazarus had already died four days earlier. When Jesus saw Martha and Mary's great sadness, he cried too; he cried because of the love and sorrow he felt for them, and for Lazarus. But that isn't all Jesus did - listen to what happened next...

Jesus went with Mary and Martha and some others to visit the grave where Lazarus was buried. It was a cave with a large stone across the entrance. When they arrived at the tomb, Jesus said to some of the men who were with them, "Take away the stone." Then Jesus prayed, and called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus walked out of the grave. I imagine that Martha and Mary's tears of sadness must have turned to tears of joy!

Just like Jesus was a friend for Martha and Mary, he is a friend to us too. Jesus loves you just as he loved Lazarus and he wants to be *your* friend. If you are sad, he is sad; if you are hurting, he is hurting... He loves us so much that he stays with us through our pain, and he helps us to overcome it. And he'll be with us all the way through to the very end. *What* a friend!



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"Then he called out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'. To everyone's amazement Lazarus appeared, still wrapped in burial cloths, and walked from the tomb." (John 11:1-45)

Word Search

"...looking up to heaven, Jesus prayed, 'Father, I thank you, for I know that you always listen to me. Let these people see and believe'."

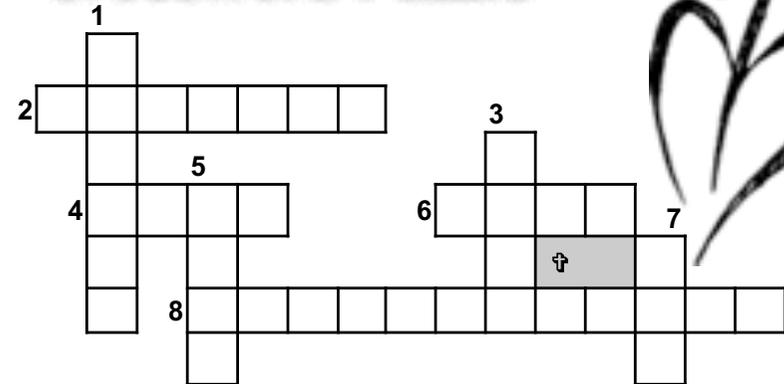
This week's word search is based on John 11:1-45



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MARY	WAKE	SICK
LAZARUS	BROTHER	JESUS
STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE
BELIEVE	PRAYED	WEEPING
GLORY	MARTHA	RISE
LOVE	DEATH	TOMB

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- A man that Jesus raised from the dead
- A place where someone is buried
- To be physically ill; not well or healthy
- Rising from the dead or returning to life

DOWN

- One of Lazarus' two sisters
- To be alive or have life
- The name of the woman who poured perfume on Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair (the other sister)
- To stop living

Tomb	Martha	Die	Mary
Live	Resurrection	Lazarus	Sick

Children's Prayer

Dear Jesus. It is comforting to know that when we cry, you cry with us. But it is even more comforting to know that you have power over death and the grave, and that one day, we will be in heaven with you - and then there will be no more tears. Amen.

