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Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:00 a.m. Family Eucharist

Celebrant: The Reverend Georgina Harris
Preaching: The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock

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WELCOME

We are glad you have joined us for worship this morning. We ask that you please turn all cell phones and other electronic devices to silent or "off". Thank you. After the service, we invite everyone (especially newcomers!) to join us for coffee or tea, and visit our Welcome Table downstairs in the Lounge.

The Anglican Church

As Anglicans we believe that God is eternal, the earth maker, the pain bearer, the life giver; source of all that is and shall be; father and mother of us all. We learn that God is one, yet revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer - a Holy Trinity.

We believe that Christians learn about God in the Bible, in the teaching of the Church summed up in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, and through sharing in the living community of faith. We believe Jesus Christ was incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. We are an Apostolic Church, meaning that Bishops are a part of our leadership and we can trace our line of Bishops back to the 12 Apostles.

As Anglicans we get to know God by God's initiative in our thinking and understanding: by experiencing and reflecting on the wonder and mystery of creation, birth and death, love, forgiveness and the need to find meaning and worth beyond ourselves.

Everyone is welcome at St. John's, whether you were raised Anglican, or followed another faith, or you have no faith background at all. We hope you find what you are looking for in our service today.

Our Service Today

This liturgy (the words we say) comes from the Book of Alternative Services, and is the common, contemporary Anglican liturgy.

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As we proceed through the service, this bulletin will help you recognize when to stand and when to sit, when to speak and when to sing, when to pray silently and when to pray aloud. We invite you to read aloud with us anytime the bulletin says **All**.

Chapel Candles

At any time during the service, you are welcome to prayerfully light a candle in the chapel in honour of a loved one, or in a prayer of concern.

Ministering today at our 10:00 a.m. service:

Celebrant:	The Reverend Georgina Harris
Deacon-in-Charge, Curate:	The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock
Preaching:	The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock
Crucifer and Altar Server:	Hazel Breakey
Choir Director:	Christie Smith
Music Director:	Galina Martyniuk, piano and organ
Readers:	Diane Johnson, Naomi Madisa
Intercessor:	Donna Lawrence
Eucharistic Administrators:	Bob Hardy, Linda Harrison
Welcome Table:	Donna Lawrence
Greeter:	Alison Brookfield

The Offertory Plate sits at the back of the church:

We do not "pass the plate" at St. John's. We invite you to place your donation on the Offertory Plate at the back of the church anytime. During the Offertory Hymn the plate is brought forward to the altar.

Your thoughtful and generous gifts to St. John's enable our worship and ministries to our community. One-time or recurring donations can be made by visiting our website www.stjohnnv.ca, or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone.



Flowers in the Sanctuary - *There are no flowers on the altar during Lent*

The official Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to donate Altar Flowers, even if you signed up somewhere else previously. If you have any questions, please contact Donna in the office.

Prelude & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Celebrant We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional territories of the Squamish - Mother of the Wind, the Tsleil-Waututh - People of the Inlet, and the Musqueam - People of the River Grass. Let us pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

All May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace. Amen

We continue to stand to sing Processional Hymn, as the the ministry team enters the sanctuary.

Processional Hymn - Just As I Am

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

**All To you all hearts are open,
all desires are known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily,
magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Celebrant God of Grace,

**All you pour out your mercy with abundance
and your grace with boundless generosity.
Make us ever more faithful,
and ever more grateful,
as we strive to give to others
in the same measure you give to us.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Read by Diane Johnson.

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 - Out of the Depths

Please remain seated as we sing the Psalm together.

The Second Reading: Read by Naomi Madisa.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since 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, though 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 from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8:6-11

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All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - Revive Thy Work, O Lord

Before the reading of the Gospel, we sing the first three verses of the Gradual Hymn. Please stand for the Gradual Hymn and the Gospel if you are able.

We turn to face the reader as they read the Gospel from the centre of the sanctuary.

The Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you

had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

John 11:1-45

Deacon

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, we sing the remainder of the Gradual hymn facing the altar.

Sermon *The Reverend Dr. Shawn Bullock*

Time for Reflection

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People - O Lord, Hear My Prayer

You are invited to sit, kneel, or stand, whichever is most comfortable for you for the prayers of the people.

The Church: We pray for the Right Reverend Dame Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for Archbishop John Stephens our Metropolitan, and Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. We pray for Archbishop Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle. Also, we pray for Patrick our Rector, for Shawn our Deacon-in-charge and Curate, and for Georgina our Associate Priest. For Jill in her discernment, work and studies to become an Anglican Priest. For The Deanery of Royal City/South Burnaby – The Reverend Arvin Amayag, Regional Dean; All Saints, Mission - The Reverend Paul Bowie; The Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon. For Primate Brent Alawas, Bishop Benny Lang-akan and the Clergy and People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. Our companion parish, St. John the Evangelist Mission and Outstations, Pasnadan, The Reverend Tristan Bati-el.

The Local Community: City & District of North Vancouver, Queen Mary Community School, Lookout Housing and Health Society of the North Shore.

The World: *Creator God, we, your children of creation, come before you in this prayer with humble and open hearts. Continue, we pray, to open our spirits and our understanding to you and lead us on the good path, so that we might become agreeable to you. Humble us that we might speak with peace and that we might serve each other to the betterment of our communities. Forgive us where we have failed and bless us that we might be true servants and a blessing to others who walk with us in this our journey of life and faith. This we pray, through Him who is the peacemaker, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*-Archbishop Chris Harper,
National Indigenous Archbishop, Anglican Church of Canada*

Those in Need: For those who are sick, hospitalized and in need of our prayers. This week, our prayers are requested especially for these members and friends of our St. John's faith community: Laurie Stringer, Mir and his family, Kelly Blake, Patrick, Simon Drake, Dianne McLatchie, Jodie, Diane McKendrick, Gary Hamblin, Thea Hogan, Stuart, Irma, Jessica, Paul & Sarah Figgess, Dana Bowman, Jeff Dahl

The Dearly Departed: We pray for all loved ones who will live forever in our hearts

In Thanksgiving: In our cycle of prayer, we pray for these members of our faith community: Sandra Miller, Cheryl Mitchell, Omid Moradtalab, Maria Morellato, Bill and Pat Muir, Allison Mulligan, and their families.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Even in our faithlessness,
 God loves us still
 And waits in mercy to forgive.
 Trusting in the promises given at our baptism,
 let us confess our sin before God and one another.

(A prayerful silence is kept)

Deacon Holy God,
**All you promise us a life full of blessing,
 but we do not always believe.
 You incite us to hope,
 but we fall back into fear.
 You urge us to give freely,
 but we cling to what we have.
 You call us to watch at all times for you,
 but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
 Forgive us.
 Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
 and keep us alert to the wonders you work
 in the world every day.
 For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen**

Celebrant Hear the good news!
 By faith we have been saved,
 our guilty hearts washed clean.
 Refreshed, revived, and renewed,
 empowered by the Holy Spirit,
 live as ones who are forgiven and freed,
 giving thanks to God.

All Amen.

Sharing of The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ always be with you.

All And also with you.

The members of the community may greet each other in the name of the Lord. Many of us will simply smile and say "Peace be with you".

The Offertory

The Offertory Plate can be found at the back of the church by the double doors, and you may place your donation there anytime before or during the service. Your thoughtful and generous gifts enable our worship and ministry to our community and the world. We sincerely thank you.

We stand for the Offertory Hymn. After the Offertory Hymn, the Offertory Plate will be presented to the altar.

Offertory Hymn - A Spendthrift Lover Is the Lord

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

The Altar is set and the gifts of bread and wine are prepared for the Eucharist. The Offertory Plate, that holds our donations for the needs and responsibilities of the Church, is then brought forward to be blessed before the Altar.

(The Doxology is not sung during Lent)

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant God calls us to share what we have –

**All a little bread, a little water –
 and God uses those simple gifts
 to bring abundant blessing to the world.
 Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer 1 (DoNW)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right that we should praise you,
 gracious God,
 for you created all things.
 You formed us in your own image:
 all genders you created us.
 When we turned away from you in sin,
 you did not cease to care for us,
 but opened a path of salvation for all people.
 You made a covenant with Israel,
 and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
 gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
 Through Moses you led your people
 from bondage into freedom;
 through the prophets
 you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
 who have served you in every age,
 we give thanks and raise our voices
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

All (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is The One who comes
 in the name of the Lord.**

All **Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, " Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

All Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Please be seated as the Communion is prepared.

All who love God and desire Christ are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the Eucharistic Administrator know if you wish to receive one. Please note intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine), is not permitted.

Communion Hymns

- Eat this Bread

- Solo **Ave Maria**
 Franz Schubert

- Create Within Me a Clean Heart

- Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

The Eucharistic administrators will first serve Communion to the choir. Then they will stand at the front of the church and the congregation will come forward in two lines down the centre aisle to take Communion. If you want to come forward for a blessing, please line up for the minister and cross your arms over your chest.

Priest Offers Communion

After the congregation has been served, the celebrant offers Communion to those joining online, saying the following.

Celebrant: The body of Christ, food for our journey.
 The blood of Christ, the cup of love.

And now I invite you here, and you at home, to put your hand over your heart and accept the communion of God.

All Amen.

The communion hymns continue as the table is cleared.

Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Thanks and praise to you, O God;

**All by your grace you bring the dead to life.
 Let us use the breath you have given us**

**to speak your truth and sing your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.

All And your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body,
live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup,
bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights,
give light to the world.**

**All Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Blessing

Celebrant Your life is a gift of grace;
use it to give glory to God!
Now arise and go with joy!
God looks with favour upon you

All Amen.

Recessional Hymn - O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Dismissal

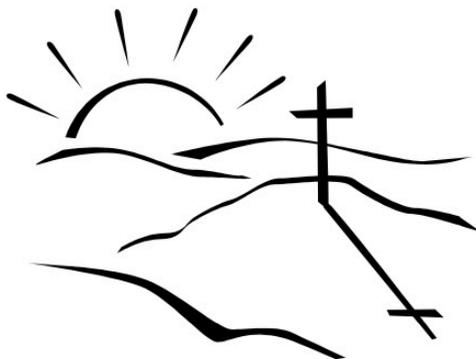
Celebrant

Words of dismissal

All

Thanks be to God.

There is a brief musical postlude for those who wish to stay.



Thank you for blessing us with your presence today.
Please do join us downstairs in the Lounge
for our tea and coffee fellowship.

Upcoming at St. John's

Sunday, March 22 - 12:15-1:45pm (*Cathedral*)
Are You Ready? New Zealand's 2011 Earthquake

Tuesday, March 24 - 7:30 - 9:00pm
Anglican 102 - Final Week - Anglican Mystics

Friday, March 27 - 7:30pm (*St. James, Vancouver*)
The 7 Last Words of Christ - Vivaldi Chamber Choir

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday (*Sunday of the Passion*)

Thursday, April 2 - 5:00pm

Simple Supper - 5:00pm in the Lounge
Maundy Thursday Service - 6:30pm in the Sactuary

Friday, April 3 - 11:00am

Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4 - 7:00pm - 7:00am

Easter Vigil (*sitting vigil from home*)

Sunday, April 5

Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Saturday, April 11 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Hospitality and Fellowship Meeting

Saturday, May 2

Caring in Community Workshop

Wednesday, May 6 - 11:30am

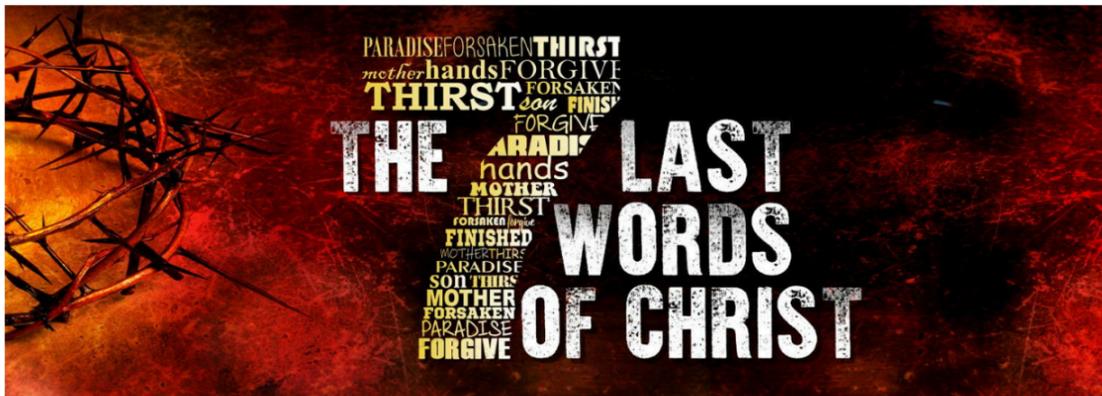
Soup and Buns and Conversation

Sunday, May 24

Service of Remembrance and Memorial Garden Blessing



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The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross

Friday, March 27, 2026

7:30 - 8:40 pm

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and talented soloists, led by Edette Gagné,
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Faithful Friends

Activity Page for Any Age

Word Play

Unscramble the letters below to find words from today's Gospel:

M T B O _____

S A A Z R L U _____

G P W N E E I _____

E H R R B O T _____

A A H M T R _____

Prayer Candle

Lazarus was a friend of Jesus. Friends are very important in our lives. We've lit the prayer candle for you. Say a prayer for your friends.



Draw a Picture

In today's Gospel reading, we heard Jesus raise his friend from the dead. Draw a picture of Jesus and his friends gathered around the burial place on the hill.