

calling for you

Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 22nd, 2026

Gospel reading: John 11: 1-45



Poetry

shouting at stones

weeping one, incarnate Son
you come, into the long lament
life; bound and broken
you, who is the love
that will be sent
to meet death
with anointed feet

weeping one, incarnate Son
you shout a grief-gravelled 'come out'
thrown at death's stone
that locks us in dark's tomb
and keeps us from love's womb
and makes us die alone

weeping one, incarnate Son
come and shout
at all the stones that seal us tight
and as they roll away
enter our darkness
with the undying light
of your eternal day

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Questions to ponder/discuss:

What does the image evoke within you? What words, phrases or questions arise for you in the poetry? Imagine you are Martha, or Mary, or one of the friends. What questions would you have for Jesus? Imagine you are Lazarus. What now for him? Has there been a time in your life where you mark the 'before' and the 'after'? Can you share something about that time?

Prayer

God of all consolation and compassion,
your Son comforted the grieving sisters, Martha and Mary;
your breath alone brings life to dry bones and weary souls.
Pour out your Spirit upon us,
that we may face despair and death with the hope of resurrection
and faith in the One
who called Lazarus forth from the grave. Amen.

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