

Lent Week Five

Fifth Sunday

LIGHT: 8 Tealights + Christ Candle

PRAY: Gracious God, have mercy on us when we follow paths that do not lead to life. Forgive us when we choose the way of bitterness, indifference, violence, or death. Have mercy on our troubled souls, and turn them around for the sake of Your creation. Amen



EXTINGUISH: 6 Tealights

READ: John 11: 1-45

REFLECT: Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'

BLESS: May God bless you and keep you! May the radiant face of God shine upon you as you seek out and find what God is calling you to in this hour. Amen

Practice

As we journey towards the Easter season, we are offered the opportunity to renew our baptism.



Place a little bowl of water by the front or back door this week, and every time you enter and exit, dip your finger in the water and sprinkle some on your face, or draw a little heart on your forehead. Remember that you are blessed: "You are God's beloved!"

"Jesus said: "If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11: 26



Activity

Plant a tree to remind you of the need to continue to grow in your faith journey and to witness new life.

Planting a tree is a gift, not only to yourself and your family, but to those in decades to come who may enjoy its springtime flowers, summer shade, colorful autumn leaves or evergreen branches.



Conversation Starters

- Have you ever been baptised? Do you remember it? What details do you (or your family) remember?
- What does baptism mean to you?
- What makes you feel loved? What makes you feel safe? What makes you feel happy?
- Name three things about yourself that you're proud of.

