



# Fifth Sunday of Lent

## 6th April 2014

## Living Lent

Praying with Scripture and Pope Francis  
Evangelii Gaudium (EG) *Joy of the Gospel*

### Week Five



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**'Jesus said: I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'**

(John 11:23)

'Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force.' (E.G. 276)



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**'Jesus looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one Sir'. Neither do I condemn you, go away, and don't sin any more'**

(John 8:10-11)

'Everyone needs to be touched by the comfort and attraction of God's saving love, which is mysteriously at work in each person, above and beyond their faults and failings.' (E.G. 44)



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**'Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear towards me and answer me quickly when I call'** (Psalm 101)

'The joy of living frequently fades, lack of respect for others and violence are on the rise, and inequality is increasingly evident. It is a struggle to live and, often, to live with precious little dignity.' (E.G. 52)



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**'If you make my word your home, you will indeed be my disciples, you will learn the truth and the truth will make you free'** (John 8:31)

'God's presence accompanies the sincere efforts of individuals and groups to find encouragement and meaning in their lives. He dwells among them, fostering solidarity, fraternity, and the desire for goodness, truth and justice.' (E.G. 71)



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**'I tell you most solemnly, before Abraham ever was, I am. At this they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself and left the temple'** (John 8:51-59)

'Behind this attitude lurks a rejection of ethics and a rejection of God. Ethics has come to be viewed with a certain scornful derision. It is seen as counterproductive, too human, because it makes money and power relative.' (E.G. 57)



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**'...Even if you refuse to believe in me, at least believe in the work I do; then you will know for sure that the Father is in me and I am in the Father'**

(John 10:38)

'Seeing reality with the eyes of faith, we cannot fail to acknowledge what the Holy Spirit is sowing.' (E.G. 68)



12

**'The Lord will guard you as a shepherd guards his flock'** (Jeremiah 31:10-13)

'How good it feels to come back to him whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.' (E.G.3)



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### Palm Sunday

**'Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples'** (Matthew 26:26)

'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' (E.G. 47)

**Reflect...**  
Listen to the Word of God from the daily liturgy. What does it say to you? How does it encourage or challenge you?

**Connect...**  
The words of Pope Francis will help you connect with the Gospel message in a way that is fresh and contemporary.

**ACT...**  
Commit yourself to some small change in attitude or action this week that will help you to be Good News to those around you.

