

A reading from Ezekiel chapter 37 verses 1 through 7. You can find this reading on page 724 of your pew Bible.

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon 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 was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 130.

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
O Lord, hear my voice!

**People: Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

Leader: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.**

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

**People: my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

**People: And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 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. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.